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Rota Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) will be asking the Office of the Public Auditor, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Department of Finance to review or audit alleged illegal reprogramming of funds intended for the Rota Health Center, which has yet to pay some of its nurses' salaries for at least four pay periods.

Ayuyu

"It looks like there's violation of the budget law when funds that are supposed to go to the Rota Health Center are used for other programs," the senator told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Section 705(c) of Public Law 17-21—the fiscal year 2011 budget law—appropriated $340,000 from Rota's budget to pay for professional services for nurses, technicians, and other medical and auxiliary professionals.

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Trader, 70, attacked with a hammer in robbery

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A 70-year-old Korean businessman sustained serious head injuries when an unidentified man attacked him with a hammer and robbed him near his two restaurants in western Garapan a few days ago.

The Department of Public Safety has yet to release information about the incident that occurred near the former Wax Museum of Saipan along Ginger Avenue on June 24 between 10:45pm and 11pm.

Saipan Tribune learned yesterday that the victim is Byung Deuk Lee, owner of Shinsen Sushi and Seoul One Restaurant.

Lee sustained multiple injuries in the head and neck. He is now recuperating at a hospital in South Korea,

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Andrew P. Andrus, left, executive director for the Guam Employers Council, makes a presentation on the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's prevailing wage survey before employer representatives at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday afternoon. The Chamber's survey is separate from the one that the CNMI government will also be conducting.

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Wage survey talks draw questions on excluded foreign workers

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A presentation yesterday about the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's prevailing wage survey drew questions on foreign workers in the CNMI who will be excluded from the actual survey that is set to start middle of this month.

The survey targets some 300 businesses or employers, representing thousands of workers.

The private sector employs mostly foreign workers, many of them won't qualify for U.S. employment visas.

Others at yesterday's presentation raised concerns on the possibility that some employers will not fill out or improperly fill out the survey forms so as

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Pellegrino urges public to buy shares of new cargo airline

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Businessman Anthony Pellegrino gestures as he presents his new cargo airline project to members and guests of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce during its general membership meeting at Saipan Grand Hotel in Susupe yesterday.

Businessman Anthony Pellegrino urged the public yesterday to buy shares of his cargo airline that, among other things, could cut shipping rates by over 50 percent per pound from Saipan to Guam as early as September.

Cargo Air Bridge is expected to provide service between Saipan, Tinian, Rota and Guam and back.

When asked about the amount of each share in the company, Pellegrino said he'd rather not make the figures public at this time but will be providing the numbers to prospective investors.

"Your investment is welcome and important in any amount. I welcome your participation," he said.

Pellegrino was one of two guest speakers at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's general membership meeting yesterday at Saipan Grand Hotel in Susupe.

He said his latest venture will reduce the high cost of shipping not only fruits and vegetables but also other types of cargo between Saipan and Guam, for example.

"Any economic growth the CNMI undertakes is being strangled by the high costs of exporting anything we create. Unless we correct this problem, our economy will continue to shrink. This is the only way our economy will grow and benefit all of us. This project is full of hope and great promise," Pellegrino said in his presentation.

He said that based on his research, it is a lot cheaper to ship a pound of fish from Chuuk to Guam, which could only be 76 cents a pound compared to $1.27 a pound from Saipan to Guam.

With Cargo Air Bridge, the shipping cost could be dramatically slashed, making it more practical and profitable to transport farmers' produce from Saipan to Guam, which has a population of 180,000.

In an interview with reporters after his presentation, Pellegrino said he has so far invested enough "seed money" to buy one of two cargo planes worth about $400,000, but will need a total of at least $1.2 million to fully get the project off the ground.

"Some people ask why I am doing this? No, I am not looking to make more money for myself If I were, why would I invite you to join in with me and buy shares to help make this venture a success?" he said.

He said he'd be glad to discuss details of the investment with anyone interested, by calling him at 287 8310 or sending him email at tonypell@pticom.com.

Pellegrino, founder of the Northern Marianas Trades Institute, said since he made a formal announcement about his latest venture last week, he has heard from investors wanting to help the project become a reality.

Cargo Air Bridge's marketing and sales manager Paul Zak and chief pilot and operations manager Jim Parrish accompanied Pellegrino to the Chamber meeting.

They have formed a company called Arctic Circle Air, which they say "will be the air cargo bridge between the islands."

Pellegrino shared his personal experience about the high cost of shipping. He was selling locally grown shrimp in the military commissary in Guam but had to stop after several months.

"The reason was that it was costing $1.25 per pound plus ground handling charges in Guam. These costs made the shrimp much too costly. However, the shrimp were readily sold because the quality was good," he said.

He also said in May this year, he shipped a 40-ft. container to Chuuk filled with small bottled drinking water from his company. The freight cost was $6,800.

"Needless to say, the customer has decided to buy drinking water from the Philippines at a much lower shipping cost," he added.

The businessman added that the new cargo airline will create jobs.

"The other methods such as casinos, hotels and other investments are also needed and will definitely help us one way or another. But we need a blood transfusion now! Not three or four years later!" he said.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Douglas Brennan asked whether the cargo airline would also carry mail between Guam and Saipan. Pellegrino said "yes," adding that the plane would also carry other products besides fruits and vegetables.

Jealous man allegedly bites wife

A jealous man allegedly bit his common-law wife several times at their residence in Dandan Monday afternoon.

Jimmy Cruz Ruiz, 31, was arrested for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at $2,250 cash.

Ruiz was set to appear for his initial court appearance yesterday afternoon before Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that a police officer had responded to a Dandan residence on Monday at 3:16pm after receiving a call about a domestic disturbance.

Upon arriving at the residence, the officer saw the wife crying in front of their house. She was with her 3-year-old daughter.

Pangelinan said the victim told police that when Ruiz came home that night, he checked something on their laptop then accused her of having an affair.

Ruiz allegedly pushed his wife, took her to the corner of the room, then bit her left arm four times. He also allegedly bit her once on the right arm, twice on the upper back, and once in the face.

Ruiz also allegedly threatened that something was going to happen to her if she goes anywhere and warned her against taking their daughter. He then left the house.

The victim called police and told the responding police officer that this was not the first time her husband abused her.

The victim was taken to the hospital, then she and her daughter were transferred to a safe house. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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500 persons on food stamp waitlist; number seen to grow

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A large number of people have been found eligible to avail of food stamp benefits but will not be accorded assistance due to the lack of funds, according to Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao yesterday.

Faisao disclosed that about 500 individuals are on the food stamp waitlist since May this year—a trend that he describes as "alarming" because it indicates that more and more families are suffering from economic hardship.

This is only the second time for the agency to have such a large number on its waitlist, Faisao said. The first time was in 2007 with a few hundred individuals.

He said the work hour cuts and massive layoffs of workers in both private and public sectors are among the reasons for the increasing number of poor families in the Commonwealth.

Faisao

Faisao believes the number on the food stamp waitlist will continue to increase because of the Commonwealth's worsening economic situation. Majority on the waitlist are families on Saipan.

"Government austerity does have impact but the overall factor is the state of the Commonwealth economy," said Faisao.

DCCA records indicate that, as of June 2011, a total of 9,700 individuals are receiving food stamp benefits. Until such time that additional funding is received, Faisao said the program will not be able to accommodate all eligible applicants.

In May this year, DCCA slashed food stamp benefits by 34.6 percent to enable the program to accommodate more beneficiaries. Other measures implemented to keep the program afloat included placing all new and reopened clients on a waitlist and cutting clients' benefits depending on the availability of funds.

Also known as the Nutrition Assistance Program, the food stamp program was created to promote the general welfare of CNMI residents and maintain their well-being by raising the levels of nutrition among low-income, zero-income, and needy families and individuals.

According to the program's income guidelines, to be eligible for food stamps, the size of a family's benefit must be based on its income and certain expenses. The poverty level is higher for bigger families and lower for smaller families.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has been giving the CNMI $12 million for NAP since 2009. NAP is funded through a block grant and has been implemented in the CNMI since 1982.

Govt wants to buy private land for middle school in Koblerville

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The Fitial administration wants to purchase a private lot to build a new middle school in Koblerville and will tap federal monies from the Community Development Block Grant administered by the Northern Marianas Housing Corp.

Board of Education member Lucy Blanco-Maratita and acting press secretary Teresa Kim separately confirmed that initial studies are being prepared to make it happen.

"Yes, basically the NMHC has CDBG funds available to purchase private land. Considering that the Public School System has expressed the need to build a junior high school, the governor is working with NMHC to acquire some private property in Koblerville near the Saipan Southern High School and Koblerville Elementary School," Kim told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

She said the target area is an ideal site to build a junior high school as it fills the gap for a complete primary and secondary school while allowing the new middle school to possibly share resources and facilities with the high school.

Blanco-Maratita, who chairs the Education Board's capital improvement projects committee, disclosed that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and PSS officials recently met to discuss the matter.

After the meeting, PSS sought more information from the housing corporation. A separate meeting with agencies like the Department of Public Works and Division of Fish and Wildlife is also being planned by PSS officials.

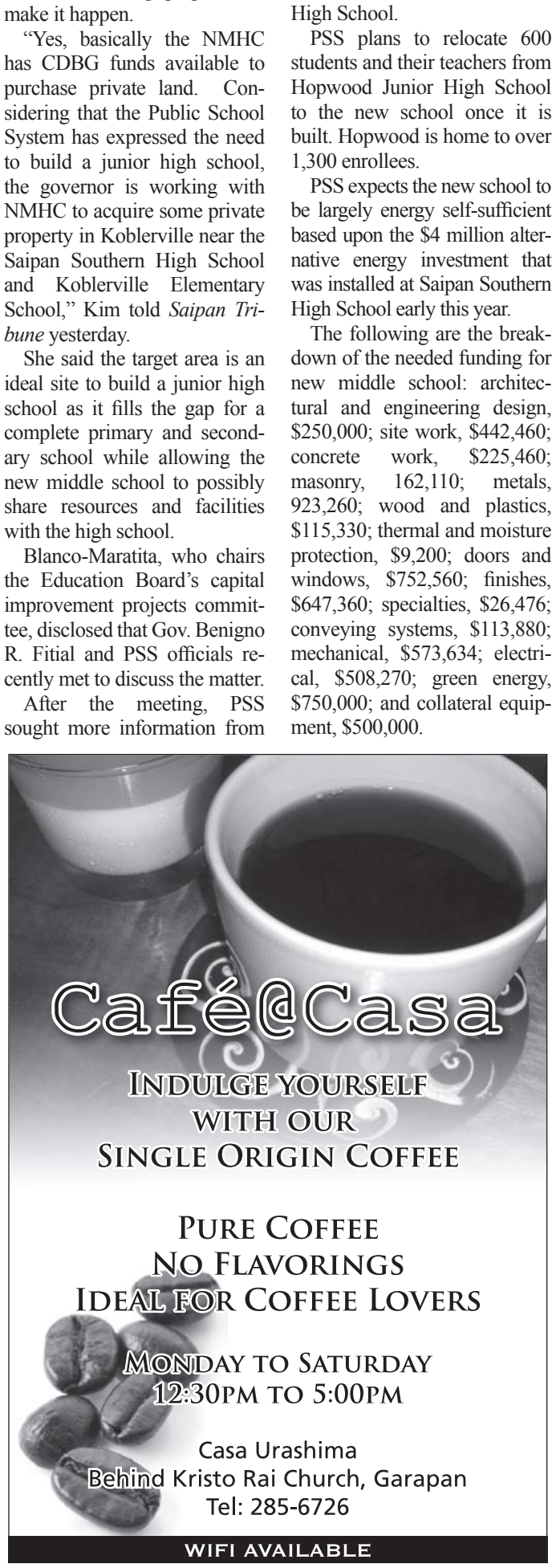
Blanco-Maratita said that NMHC has already responded, asking for details of the proposed project such as the size of the building to be built, number of target enrollment, and a description of the new facilities.

PSS and the board earlier estimated that they need $6 million to build the Koblerville Junior High School.

PSS plans to relocate 600 students and their teachers from Hopwood Junior High School to the new school once it is built. Hopwood is home to over 1,300 enrollees.

PSS expects the new school to be largely energy self-sufficient based upon the $4 million alternative energy investment that was installed at Saipan Southern High School early this year.

The following are the breakdown of the needed funding for new middle school: architectural and engineering design, $250,000; site work, $442,460; concrete work, $225,460; masonry, 162,110; metals, 923,260; wood and plastics, $115,330; thermal and moisture protection, $9,200; doors and windows, $752,560; finishes, $647,360; specialties, $26,476; conveying systems, $113,880; mechanical, $573,634; electrical, $508,270; green energy, $750,000; and collateral equipment, $500,000.



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Cook Islands to issue seabed mining licenses by 2013

RAROTONGA, Cook Islands (Cook Islands News/PIR)—The Cook Islands government is aiming to begin issuing deep sea mining exploration licences by 2013, deputy prime minister Tom Marsters said yesterday.

Marsters, the Minister for Minerals and Natural Resources, told Cook Islands News he expected the Cook Islands would be in a suitable position to begin offering licences in about 18 months.

He said the government was currently searching for experienced technical advisors to help it develop its application process, and that by 2013 it planned to employ a commissioner to supervise determinations.

Were looking for this person right now ... in places that already have a strong mining history, Marsters said.

These people dont come cheap, but they are worth every cent. It is that point when we start looking at exploratory licences, which is what will lead into mining licences.

The seabed mining advisory board established under the previous government will continue to operate with only minor changes.

We have retained the taskforce set up by Minister Robert Wigmore the chairman and everybody else. I might add one or two more, Marsters said.

We see the need to maintain momentum by keeping those people on. To change at this stage is counterproductive to the cause.

Marsters said the Cook Islands was entering an exciting time for deep sea mining and the government was aiming to make sure it established fair and equal procedures for processing permit applications.

He said he expected the relevant technology to be perfected by 2015, with full mining to start in about 10 years.

By year 2021 there will be commercial mining, he said.

Ten years is within our time, it is certainly within the time of our children and certainly within the time of our grandchildren. Its no longer a dream, no longer pie in the sky. This is real.

The Ministry of Minerals and Natural Resources is planning to hold a number of community seminars in the near future. Full details of the public meetings have not yet been finalised, but the ministry expects to be able to announce more within the coming weeks.

PACIFIC BRIEFS

Tahiti commemorates nuclear test anniversary

PAPEÉTE, Tahiti (Tahitipresse/PIR)—Several persons gathered Saturday in Papeete to commemorate the 45th anniversary of France's first atmospheric nuclear test in French Polynesia. Among these persons, there were members of Moruroa e Tatou, a Papeete-based association representing former French nuclear testing site workers, but also French Polynesia President Oscar Temaru and Senator Richard Tuheiava. The first atmospheric test in French Polynesia occurred on July 2, 1966. The 28-ton explosion was conducted aboard a barge in the Moruroa lagoon. France conducted atmospheric (1966-1974) and underground (1975-1996) nuclear tests in the atolls of Moruroa and Fangataufa. These atolls, in the Tuamotu archipelago, are located 1,200 kilometers (720 miles) southeast of Papeete.

Solomons businessman dodges $1 million tax bill

HONIARA, Solomon Islands (Solomon Star, July 5, 2011)—A businessman accused of avoiding to pay up his government taxes worth SB$9 million [US$1.2 million] for a period of three years has plead guilty to all the allegations made against him yesterday. James Zhi Yuan Fang was charged with three counts of tax evasion. He avoided paying more than $9 million worth of tax during the period. He earlier denied the charges but after his case has gone through a pre-trial conference he decided to enter guilty pleas to the charges that were committed in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Fang was said to have kept all the income to avoid paying tax.

Fiji regime fights challenge to pension cuts

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (RNZI/PIR)—The Fiji National Provident Fund and the country's Attorney General have attempted to block a legal challenge against proposed changes to the pension. The two government parties tried to have the application struck out, but the High Court ordered all parties to file written submissions within 7 days. A pensioner, David Burness, argues the proposed changes to the fund, including large cuts to pensions, are discriminatory. His lawyer, Dr Shaista Shameem, says it has not been made clear why the fund needs to make such big cuts. "So all that Mr Burness is asking for, is that he does get full disclosure, that an independent commission of inquiry be set up. Fiji National Provident Fund is actually a trust, so the trust is supposed to function for the benefit of the beneficiaries. We were told in court by the lawyer for the fund that the trust can do anything it likes."

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from the private manpower firm, Saipan Employment Agency and Services, have not been paid their salaries for at least four pay periods.

On Tuesday, Rota Health Center resident director Crispin M. Ayuyu also asked Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson for a "financial history" of three of RHC's accounts for fiscal year 2011.

These include accounts 1912, 1957, and 1989, which were for Public Health, Environmental Health, and Dental Health.

The director told Larson that SEAS nurses at the Rota Health Center are not being paid, even as the 2011 budget provides for payments of these nurses' services.

"Further, the mayor of Rota has the authority to ensure transfer, reprogram, or other financial transactions within the Municipality of Rota for their wages. This is not done, which becomes puzzling," director Ayuyu told Larson in a July 5 letter.

Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola could not be reached for comment as of press time yesterday.

Rota Health Center reportedly owes SEAS some $100,000 as payment of wages for services that five nurses and one medical laboratory technician have been providing to the government center.

Henry Cruz, owner of SEAS, neither confirmed nor denied yesterday the amount owed and the status of SEAS nurses at the Rota Health Center.

On Tuesday, director Ayuyu said that only when he has a clear picture of funds available for the Rota Health Center can he better recommend to the incoming Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. specific action that must be taken to ensure the continuity of healthcare services on Rota.

"Number of personnel, positions, salaries, operations, activities (transfer-in and transfer-out), and other justifications must be well in place prior to the implementation of [the Healthcare Corp.] next fiscal year or rather immediate request is whether funds from RHC accounts are transferred out of RHC and its history. This will reflect what attention is given to our RHC," director Ayuyu told Larson.

Senator Ayuyu said he got a copy of the resident director's letters to both Larson and Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola only yesterday.

"I will call for an emergency meeting of the Rota delegation on Friday. The services of nurses are critical. We want to know why the money that's supposed to pay for these nurses' services are gone," the senator said.

Director Ayuyu, in his June 15 letter to the Rota mayor, said it is surprising that money for the health center is unavailable.

"My research of the RHC budget revealed lapsed funds from previous months which may be used for this purpose is unquestionably available. Mr. Mayor, you stated that there are no funds available for RHC because the higher-ups 'did reprogram and have exhausted any and all amount,'" he said.

The Fitial administration has yet to respond to inquiries related to the Rota Health Center funding.

"This being the case, I will support your request for both…[the] Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Public Auditor to immediately commence a review of this complete violation of the 2011 Budget Act," director Ayuyu told the mayor.

He reiterated that the Rota mayor is the expenditure authority for the Rota Health Center.

"Please take no action now so that whatever reprogram action taken by the administration to support other CNMI government operations should be revealed as soon as possible," Ayuyu said on June 15.

Last month, the Rota mayor said the municipality still owes its nurses over $100,000 in unpaid wages since last year.

Unlike the Tinian mayor, Mendiola is willing to let go of the center, saying the Department of Public Health is the right agency to manage its operations.

In related news, one registered nurse at the Rota Health Center will be leaving the center by the end of July.

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not to reveal their workers' low salaries.

But others said the low salaries give more reasons to fill out the survey forms, to give a true picture of the current base rates of pay and benefits in effect in the CNMI rather than those in effect in Guam or other U.S. states to support visa applications for foreign workers in the Commonwealth.

Andrew P. Andrus, executive director for the Guam Employers Council, which the Chamber contracted for the survey, made a presentation about the prevailing wage survey before over 90 employer representatives at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Andrus explained the instructions, data entry forms and procedures for submitting data.

In his presentation, Andrus said employers should expect emails in the next few days about the survey.

He encouraged employers to immediately fill out the survey forms and not wait for the Sept. 9, 2011, deadline to do so.

"If you have difficulty completing the forms by the deadline, give us a call," he said.

Andrus and the Guam Employers Council have been conducting comprehensive surveys of wages, salaries, and benefits in the Western Pacific for some 25 years.

"The big question is whether we need to include in the survey those that do no have a ready, or are not qualified, for an H-1 or H-2, whatever U.S. visa, which means they'll be likely the ones who qualify for the contract worker [status]. We need to clarify that," said Eric Plinske, a board member of the Society for Human Resource Management CNMI Chapter.

Plinske said SHRM will be waiting for guidance from the Chamber on the issue.

The Chamber, in a earlier statement, said that standards prescribed by the U.S. Department of Labor for such procedures are being addressed.

"Accordingly, the rates of pay and benefits data for persons holding H-1, H-1B, and H-2B visas are to be excluded," the group said.

But many of those present at yesterday's presentation would like to be sure which foreign workers need not be covered by the survey.

Ernie Lacorte, chief finance officer for the Saipan Seventh-Day Adventist Clinic, said he came to the presentation to know more about the survey and the covered nonresident workers.

"Since we're nearing November, we want to know the process for nonresident workers. …If the processing will depend on the prevailing wage, then we'd like to know more about the survey, who it will cover, and the whole process," he said.

Marlyne Kaneshi of Japan Water Systems and Annamae Daza of Luen Fung Enterprises also attended the presentation hoping to know more about the survey and its impact on businesses in the CNMI.

Richard Pierce, executive director of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, noted the presence of government agency representatives at the presentation, including the departments of Commerce and Labor, the Commonwealth Health Center, Northern Marianas College, and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Pierce said the Chamber survey will get more than enough participation.

The Chamber's prevailing wage survey is separate from the one that the CNMI government will conduct. The CNMI government applied for over $40,000 in federal grant for its own survey.

Prior to the presentation at the Multi-Purpose Center, Andrus was also guest speaker at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's general membership meeting at Saipan Grand Hotel yesterday.

The survey seeks to measure current base rates of pay and benefits currently in effect among private and public employers in the CNMI for a broad range of jobs.

The Standard Occupation Classification published by the U.S. Department of Labor is being used as the standard for the job codes, titles, and descriptions, as recommended by the U.S. Department of Labor.

All organizations and companies that participate in the survey will receive copies of the results. There is no charge for participation and the data gathered is 100 percent confidential. The survey will be copyrighted.

For more information about the survey, contact the Chamber at 233-7150/7152 and at coordinator@saipan-chamber.com.

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according to the victim's family member, who asked not be identified.

Sources and the family member told *Saipan Tribune* that Lee had parked his car near the former Wax Museum as he had forgotten something and needed to go back to his restaurants, which are near the museum.

As Lee was getting out of his car, a man approached and grabbed his clutch bag. When he struggled, the suspect repeatedly hit his head with a hammer.

After getting the bag, the suspect ran in the direction of the USS Peleliu Club along Cpl. Derence Jack Road. The robber was believed to have a companion in a getaway vehicle.

The bloodied businessman called his son, who was in their house, located on the second floor of the building where their restaurants are located. The son proceeded to the scene and saw his father standing outside the car. The son then called police.

Police officers responded and an ambulance brought Lee to the Commonwealth Health Center.

The family member said that Lee's bag contained no cash at the time, and that it only had a checkbook and some other items.

The following day, a police officer went to the victim's place and returned the clutch bag that was subsequently recovered during a follow-up investigation.

On June 26 or two days later, Lee was flown to South Korea for further treatment as his injuries had become serious.

"He was really bleeding so much. He almost died," the family member said.

Lee has been living on Saipan for 18 years.

In 2007 or 2008, a boy went inside one of Lee's restaurants and grabbed a cash box containing $400 cash. The boy was never arrested.

Sewer manholes being searched for Luhk sisters

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Public Safety Commissioner Ramon Mafnas confirmed yesterday an ongoing search at some sewer manholes to locate missing sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk. There was still no trace of the girls as of press time.

Mafnas said they are opening select sewer manholes on Saipan with the assistance of Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s personnel.

He did not reveal the locations of the targeted manholes. He also did not elaborate as to why manholes are now the subject of the search.

"We are also conducting underwater and on ground searches along the cliff line at Coral Ocean Point and Agingan Point," Mafnas said.

Meanwhile, FBI special agent Tom Simon said that finding the backpacks would be a clue to the girls' whereabouts.

"That's our only agenda regarding the backpacks," said Simon when asked whether the search for backpacks had something to do with speculation about a journal that one of the girls had apparently written prior to their disappearance.

Simon said the girls were reportedly on their way to school when they disappeared, and presumably, they had their backpacks.

FBI agents and CNMI law enforcers scoured the Marpi landfill for almost a week to find the backpacks or clues to the girls' disappearance.

Ten-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina were reportedly last seen near a school bus stop pavilion in As Teo on May 25.

A $50,000 cash reward has been put up for information on the girls' whereabouts.

Federal court temporarily stops deportation of habitual offender

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The federal court has temporarily stopped the deportation of a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia who is a habitual offender after the petitioner filed a court action.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David A. Wiseman on Tuesday ordered that Mariano Angkel Shiano's removal from the CNMI be stayed pending further court order.

Wiseman issued the order after Stephen C. Woodruff, counsel for Shiano, filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in connection with his detention pending removal.

Shiano is currently in immigration detention at the Department of Corrections under authority of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Shiano was scheduled to depart on July 5, 2011, at 9pm.

In issuing an order for temporary stay of removal, Wiseman said the court needs more time to consider Shiano's application for the writ.

According to Woodruff, Shiano, an FSM citizen residing on Saipan, is married to a Japanese national. The two have a 14-year-old U.S. citizen son who was born on Saipan.

Between Dec. 2, 1997, and Aug. 30, 2007, Shiano was convicted of seven misdemeanors in the Superior Court.

Woodruff said Shiano has no criminal history subsequent to the May 8, 2008, enactment of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act (federalization law) or the Nov. 28, 2009, extension of the territorial reach of the INA to include the CNMI.

Shiano was placed on deportation proceedings by DHS on Feb. 15, 2010. On May 31, 2011, an immigration judge ordered that Shiano be deported.

The immigration judge later denied Shiano's motion to stop his deportation.

Citing a precedent case, Woodruff said the U.S. Supreme Court condemned precisely the kind of retroactive application of the law as is involved in this case.

"The status of nationals of Freely Associated States in the United States is most appropriately characterized as a sort of *de jure* nonimmigrant second class lawful permanent resident," Woodruff said.

Shiano's situation, he said, is precisely the kind of case that "screams for an exercise of discretion," yet DHS and the immigration judge refused to even engage in an exercise of discretion.

"Legally erroneous failure to exercise discretion is open to inquiry by writ of habeas corpus notwithstanding the fact that the actual granting of relief is not a matter or right under any circumstances, but rather is in all cases a matter of grace," the lawyer said.

Woodruff said throughout Shiano's deportation proceedings, DHS has been holding his passport.

"Inspection of petitioner's passport would reveal that he was admitted to the United States as recently as 2004," he added.

Second suspect pleads guilty to bringing in 6 Chinese to work

The second suspect indicted for recruiting six persons from China to come to the CNMI with promises of jobs while pretending to be tourists pleaded guilty in federal court Tuesday afternoon.

Li Hua pleaded guilty to a count of foreign labor contracting fraud conspiracy as part of a plea deal. She will be sentenced on Sept. 15, 2011.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David A. Wiseman remanded Hua to the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

Bruce Berline served as the court-appointed counsel for Hua. Assistant U.S. attorney Kirk Schuler appeared for the U.S. government.

Hua's co-defendant, Honglian Cheng, pleaded guilty last Thursday to the same offense. Her sentencing will also be on Sept. 15, 2011.

Hua was reportedly the one who recruited the six persons in China. Cheng was responsible for bringing the six to Saipan.

The six persons were arrested and have all pleaded guilty in federal court to improper entry. They will be deported. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Over 1K pets on Saipan now licensed

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Four weeks after the start of the Dog Control Program of the Saipan Mayor's Office, over a thousand pets from all villages on the island have been registered by their owners, according to program director Ray B. Lizama

He described the initial turnout for the registration as overwhelming and encouraged more pet owners to join the campaign.

Lizama said the number of registered pets is expected to significantly increase in the coming months.

Based on a survey conducted by the Northern Marianas College-CREES program last year, Saipan has an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 stray animals wandering around villages and communities. The number continues to increase as a result of its uncontrollable population.

Saipan Local Law 9-12 established the dog control program to secure and protect residents and tourists from stray animals. Revenue collected from dog tagging and registration is strictly mandated for the program.

Lizama said they are still finalizing the total amount that has been collected to date.

Pet registration is being conducted in different villages to make it easy for dog and cat owners. However, after Dec. 9, pet owners who wish to register their dogs will have to go to a designated station that will be determined later, Lizama said.

Saipan Tribune learned that registration was suspended since last week because of the recent Liberation Day festivities, which is also under the mayor's office.

Lizama said they will reopen the registration on July 11 in Chalan Kanoa, from 9am to 4pm. The process will continue until Dec. 9. The program kicked off from June 6 to 16.

To better control the stray dog population, Lizama believes there's a need to limit the number of pets that each household can own.

He said since last month, the program's personnel have been visiting villages and communities to encourage more registrants and to pick up stray animals.

The license fees for dogs vary, depending on whether or not the dogs are neutered or not. For altered or neutered dogs, a one-year license costs $6; two years, $10; three years, $14; four years, $18; five years, $24. Owners will be required to present valid vaccination documents to avail of these fees.

For non-altered or non-neutered dogs, a one-year license costs $10; two years, $18; three years, $26; four years, $34; five years, $42.

For neutered dogs owned by senior citizens—aged 60 years and above—a one-year license costs $5; two years, $8; three years, $10; four years, $12; five years, $15.

The stray dog control program has been delayed for about 12 years due to the lack of funding.

For more information, call the Saipan Mayor's Office at 234-6208 or email dogcontrolprogram.mos2011@yahoo.com.

'At least $800K in CIP money can be reprogrammed'

»Tinian, Rota poised to help Saipan buy CT scan to cut medical referral costs

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At least $800,000 in capital improvement project money at the Commonwealth Development Authority has been identified as reprogrammable for other projects and programs.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), chairman of the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs, said the total amount of CIP funds that can be reprogrammed will be known today.

His committee held a meeting yesterday with the CNMI Capital Improvement Project Office representative.

Torres seeks to tap "some $500,000" of the "at least $800,000" in reprogrammable CIP money to buy a CT scan for the Department of Public Health.

He said the Tinian and Rota Legislative Delegations plan to each contribute $100,000 each from their reprogrammable CIP funds to Saipan's $500,000 to buy a CT scan that will benefit the entire CNMI.

"This will lower the cost of medical referrals. Instead of sending patients outside the CNMI for a CT scan, we will just buy one and have the immediate care we need right here in the CNMI," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Besides Torres, others in the meeting were Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan) and CIP Office's Vicky Villagomez and Jim Stump.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan earlier told lawmakers that the CNMI has yet to spend over $48.6 million of almost $79.66 million in CIP grants since 2006.

But the CIP Office, one of three agencies tasked to administer CIP funds, said $34 million of some $37.5 million in grant awards will be spent in fiscal years 2011 and 2012 to include the Puerto Rico Dump closure and construction of the Rota and Tinian landfills.

NEWS BRIEFS

Hopwood grade 6 and 7 open registration set

The open registration for seventh and eighth grade levels of Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Jr. High School is set from July 11 to July 29. Parents and guardians of enrolling students should provide the school with all the necessary documents to avoid any problem in the processing of their child's enrollment. Any new or transfer students must also provide proper documents to prevent any delay in their processing. For more information, contact the school at 237-3422/3395/3421. ***(PR)***

Enrollment info for Kagman High

To all returning Kagman High School students, parents and guardians: All students must register anew for school year 2011-2012, even if you went to KHS this last school year. The school is updating its records and everyone must re-register or they will not receive a class schedule for the school year. Register before Aug. 19 for optimum scheduling. Registration forms can be picked up from the registrar or in the main office. For more information, call 237 3840 or 237 3886. ***(PR)***

Mañagaha beach red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the northeastern beach of Mañagaha Island and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from this location had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 11 locations on Managaha this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 6th birthday, Kiana C. Camacho, from Mommy, Daddy, Alana, Boy, and the Camacho and Cabrera family.

2011 – 2012 Application For Free School Meals is now available at all public schools and at the Public School System Central Office

PUBLIC RELEASE STATEMENT REGARDING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Public School System Food and Nutrition Services Program today announced its policy for children *unable* to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Regardless of financial standing and participation in programs such as WIC or NAP, a new free school meal application must be completed and submitted each school year to receive free school meal benefits.

Meal prices for the 2011-2012 school year will remain the same as the previous year. Students may buy a subsidized school breakfast for $0.50. Additional breakfasts can be purchased for $1.80 at elementary schools and $2.20 at secondary schools. Students may purchase a school lunch for $0.75. Additional lunches can be purchased for $2.85 at elementary schools and $3.40 at secondary schools.

Application forms are now available at the PSS Food and Nutrition Office and are being sent to all public schools with a notice to parents or guardians. Applications are available at Tinian Elementary School and Rota Junior High School as well. To apply for free meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or to the PSS Food and Nutrition Services office. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The application can be downloaded at http://www.cnmipss.org/state-level-programs/administrative-services/food-and-nutritional-servicess/

To obtain free meals for children for whose households receive Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, an adult member needs only to list the names of the school children, give a food stamp case number for each child, sign his/her name and return the application to the school office. If *any* of the students do not have a valid food stamp number, then the entire application must be completed with accompanying verification documents.

For the school officials to determine eligibility for free meals of households not receiving Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, the household must provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, welfare, child support, etc.). For verification purposes, copies of the most recent check stubs must be included with the application. Failure to include these items will delay the processing of the application.

Under the provisions of the free meal policy, the PSS Food and Nutrition Services Manager will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Mr. Dale Roberts, PSS Food and Nutrition Services Program Manager located on the third floor of the NMI Retirement Building.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the FNS Office. Such changes may make the household eligible for reduced price meals or free meals if the household income falls at or below the IEG levels listed in the chart, and they may reapply at that time.

In most cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for free or reduced price meals, the household should complete an application for a family of one or contact the school for more information.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. PSS is authorized to release student free and school meal eligibility status to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs.

Application for Free School Meals— CNMI Public School System— Food and Nutrition Services
Part 1- List each Student's name and information - List names how they are registered at their schools. Write the Food Stamp Card Number if applicable
Student's Last Name
Student's First Name
Middle Initial
Date of Birth
Grade
School Name
Food Stamp #
List the names and info of each child attending school.
Part 2- List all other members of the household. Do not include students listed above in part 1. Report all current income received last month.
Attach copies of last month's check stubs for income verification.
Names of All Household Members
Household Gross Income
List the names of all other members of the household and any income.
Part 3- Signature and Social Security Number: An adult listed in Part 2 must sign the application and provide a social security number before it can be approved.
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian
Date Signed
Print your name
Mailing Address: PO Box
City/State/Zip
Social Security Number (if none, write "none")
Daytime Telephone:
One of the legal guardians listed in Part 2 must sign and date the form.
For PSS Food and Nutrition official use, please do not write in this shaded area
Categorical Eligibility: NAP
Income
Temporary until
DYS
Other
Total Monthly Income:
Household Size
Monthly Income Conversion:
Weekly x 4.33
Bi-weekly x 2.15
Twice a month x 2
Verified by:
Signature of Determining Official :
FNS Administrator,
Date:

2011-2012 Federal Income Guidelines (IEG) for Free Meal Eligibility. If your household income falls within these guidelines your children MAY be eligible to receive free school meals.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2x per Month	Bi-weekly	Weekly
1	$ 14,157	$ 1,180	$ 590	$ 545	$ 273
2	19,123	1,594	797	736	368
3	24,089	2,008	1,004	927	464
4	29,055	2,422	1,211	1,118	559
5	34,021	2,836	1,418	1,309	655
6	38,987	3,249	1,625	1,500	750
7	43,953	3,663	1,832	1,691	846
8	48,919	4,077	2,039	1,882	941
Add'l member, Add.....	+ 4,966	+ 414	+ 207	+ 191	+ 96

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official.

Children who received free meals last school year will receive free meals for up to 30 days after the opening of school on September 6, 2011. **To avoid delays in free school meal services due to processing, all applications should be completed and submitted to PSS FNS before September 23, 2011.**

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official. The PSS FNS office can be reached on Saipan: 237-3053/3060/3058/3050/3033/3055 or fax 664-3717, Tinian: 237-4106/4105, Rota: 237-4046/4041/4042

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-044

LOAN SERVICING & RELATED COLLECTION ACTION

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified collection agencies to provide loan servicing and related collection actions in Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package and Scope-of-Work may be obtained, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of $ 100.00 (non-refundable) for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **July 19, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-044, Loan Servicing & Related Collection Action", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 9 ,2011 at 10:00 AM, (ChST)**. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Offerors will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) local time on **July 22, 2011** to Mr. Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email Charles_Warren@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Admin. Support Assistant, Procurement & Supply via email mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all offers and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-IFB-11-043
CHALAN KANOA SEWERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT NO. 1

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the rehabilitation and upgrade of Sewer Lift Stations and installation of Force-Main in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general of the replacement of asbestos cement pipe (ACP) sewerline in two areas of Chalan Kanoa. The first project is to replace and re-locate a section of existing 6 inch ACP sewerline which has collapsed along Texas Road in the vicinity of the Chalan Kanoa cemetery, with 584 linear feet (LF) of 8-inch PVC sewerline and 3 new concrete manholes. The second project is the replacement of 160 LF of existing 6 inch ACP sewerline, between two existing manholes, located on Brigida Street in front of the on-going Sandy Beach Homes project. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **90 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of $ 100.00 (non-refundable) for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site-Visit, will be held on **June 30, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-11-043, Chalan Kanoa Sewerline Replacement Project No. 1"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 14, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00200 - Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 05, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Brian Bearden, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email brian_bearden@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Applications now open for value added producer grant

The USDA—Rural Development is accepting applications for the Value-Added Producer Grant until Aug. 29, 2011. The grant aims to assist independent producers of agricultural commodities, agriculture producer groups, farmer and rancher cooperatives and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. The program offers a maximum grant of $100,000 for planning activities or a maximum of $300,000 toward working capital. There is no minimum grant awarded. Grant funds may be used to pay up to 50 percent of the total eligible project costs.

The primary objective of this grant is to help develop strategies to create marketing opportunities and to help develop business plans for viable marketing opportunities regarding production of bio-based products from agricultural commodities. Agricultural producers of all sizes may apply but priority will be given to operators of small and medium-sized farms or ranches that are structured as family farms, beginning farmers or ranchers, socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, mid-tier value chain projects and farmer or rancher cooperatives.

Grants are awarded competitively and applicants are encouraged to apply early. The anticipated award date is Nov. 30, 2011. More information can be found at: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_VAPG_Grants.html.

To apply, contact your local USDA – RD office. ***(USDA)***

Hypnotist Sailesh to perform on Saipan

The future of live entertainment and comedic hypnosis is here and his name is Sailesh, "The World's Best Hypnotist."

Sailesh will be live on Saipan for two shows on Sunday, July 10, 2011, at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan. Doors open at 6pm and 9pm.

Sailesh's performances have been described as a cross between the best frat party you've ever been to and a live concert. Sailesh's show takes audience members on a fantastical journey using hypnosis, improv, music, and interactivity to create a whole lot of laughter and fun. This high energy, completely interactive show ensures that everyone is a part of the action.

Tickets are on sale at Pacific Trading Co.'s office in Puerto Rico on Middle Road. Tickets are $15 for general admission and $30 for VIP.

Sailesh is a certified hypnotherapist who has been practicing hypnosis for over 15 years, will also be performing in Guam.

Sailesh, Hypnotist Extraordinaire is presented by Dos Equis. ***(PR)***

Flashback
A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 7, 1999

CUC close to choosing Saipan power plant builder
A final report on the independent re-evaluation of the stalled power project on Saipan is expected to be completed within the next few days, inching closer to selecting a contractor to build the 80-megawatt plant, officials said yesterday. Burns & McDonnell, a U.S. engineering firm hired by Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to conduct another round of review on various project proposals, will submit its recommendations to the Board of Directors either this week or early next week. CUC Executive Director Timothy P. Villagomez said the board will decide whether to accept the recommendations and to award the $120 million project to the winning contractor.

Woes face wetland owners
Twelve years ago, Tony Cabrera was supposed to develop his more than two hectares of land in Chalan Piao, but was stopped by the US Army Corps of Engineers because it might affect the wetland located in his property. This led Cabrera to seek a land exchange for his 1.7 hectare and give away the 1.1 hectare of wetland to the CNMI government. Five years after, he is still awaiting the property that was supposed to be exchanged for his land. Cabrera is not alone in this situation. Many people are having difficulty converting their wetlands due to the strict requirements imposed under the Clean Water Act, a federal law.

July 7, 2000

PSS seeks aid for Anatahan school construction
Plans to expedite the construction of the proposed Anatahan school in the Northern Islands are facing delay due to the absence of transport services that would carry construction materials to the island. The Public School System has expressed concern over the lack of an adequate transportation which would haul concrete and other supplies to the construction site, citing this as one major factor slowing the project down. Board of Education Vice Chair Roman Benavente said the most ideal way of transporting the required materials is through the use of a Chinook helicopter, a chopper big enough to accommodate large cargoes.

Recreation center planned for Kagman
The Public School System is coming out with a plan to provide the Kagman community a recreational facility complete with sports amenities that will all residents of the area. Originally intended for the use of students enrolled in Kagman Elementary School, which is set to open in August, the school system is looking at building a playground facility adjacent the new campus and the new Kagman community center. According to Board of Education vice chair Roman Benavente, the facility will also be open for the public's use. He added this venture is PSS' way of curbing crimes and delinquencies in the community especially among youths.

July 7, 2003

No FEMA funds yet for CUC
The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has not received anything yet of its 90-percent expected reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Rota typhoon assistance. This, even as FEMA assistance funding for all jurisdictions was reportedly de-allocated due to a national budget situation last month, prompting the CNMI government to request for its reinstatement. The CNMI has since then received assurance from FEMA that its assistance funding would be reinstated. In a report to the CUC Board of Directors, acting comptroller Ed Williams said that he has not received any information as to when the CUC can claim any of its reimbursement.

Power outage results in $15K losses
The island-wide power outage last June 4 resulted in a $15,600 loss for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., according to CUC acting comptroller Ed Williams. He said a three-member team comprised of personnel from power generation, power division, and accounting determined that CUC lost some $11,545 in revenue. In addition, the outage caused three water well pumps to burn out, which required approximately $7,940 in replacement. These pumps are located at Marpi Quarry, Isley Booster No. 2, and Agag Well No. 50. On the other hand, Williams said CUC saved in fuel use amounting to $3,875 due to the power outage. "This amount [fuel cost] should be reduced for the fuel savings realized during the outage when the generators were not in operations," reported Williams.

'Don't substitute PSS' grievance procedure with hearings'

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Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan appealed yesterday to members of the House Committee on Education not to substitute the Public School System's grievance procedures with legislative hearings.

Instead, if lawmakers really want to give teachers a voice in decision-making for public schools, they must start drafting legislation that will appoint a new teachers' representative to the Board of Education, Sablan said.

Lawmakers have scheduled two hearings to address accusations of abuse of authority and unlawful termination of long-term teachers at Marianas High School, lodged against the school's principal, Craig Garrison.

"If this committee is truly concerned with safeguarding the rights of teachers within PSS, I would encourage them to draft the long-needed legislation to appoint a teacher representative to BOE. I would submit to the committee that appointing a teacher rep would do much more good for the rights of teachers in the CNMI than attempting to substitute the employee grievance procedures at PSS with legislative hearings," Sablan told the panel during the more than two-hour hearing yesterday at the House chamber.

The teacher representative position has been vacant since Ambrose Bennett's term expired in January 2008.

Yesterday's hearing was the second conducted by the panel after education officials failed to show up at the first one.

Sablan said the situation at MHS was in large part addressed in the arena of public opinion, with little or no respect paid to the formal grievance procedures that are part of the regulations that govern PSS.

She claimed that "incomplete and inaccurate" reporting of facts surrounding MHS issues exacerbated the situation and caused a great deal of confusion and misinformation, which were taken as truth.

Sablan claimed they didn't snub the first hearing because she provided the panel written testimony and was busy with graduation preparations. She also assured that PSS did not "stand on the side as a spectator" in the MHS situation, but rather acted in accordance with regulations.

As early as 5am during the first day of protest, Sablan said she was in communication with Garrison and had consulted the system's legal counsel and administrative team to ensure that all MHS students had a teacher present.

At the same time, she said she contacted Department of Public Safety to ensure that whatever form James Yangetmai's protest took, the students would be allowed to continue with their studies uninterrupted.

On the second day of the protest, the COE claimed they reviewed the policies and procedures regarding teacher absences. Yangetmai was even encouraged by PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh to formally file a grievance, to no avail.

Therefore, she said she cannot address any specific allegations that have been raised by Yangetmai or any other persons who have testified before the committee.

"I cannot, and will not, break the rules," she added.

House panel disappointed that Garrison barred from testifying

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The House Committee on Education was able to question Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan for more than two hours yesterday on issues besetting Marianas High School but failed to hear the testimony of its principal, Craig Garrison.

This came about after Sablan instructed the embattled MHS administrator not to testify during the panel's hearing yesterday at the House chamber.

Committee chair Rep. Raymond Palacios (Cov.-Saipan) said he is dissatisfied and was disappointed when the commissioner barred Garrison from testifying.

Garrison

"We were disappointed because the intent of all these hearings is to find out the truth, but the commissioner decided to testify alone. How can we get to the bottom of this if the MHS principal who is the subject of all these allegations and complaints will not be allowed to speak?" asked Palacios.

Garrison, the subject of allegations raised to the committee, was in the gallery and provided written testimony to the panel. Palacios and Garrison separately said that the written testimony essentially denies all accusations against Garrison's person and his leadership at MHS.

Palacios said that Sablan was accompanied by PSS legal counsel George Hassellback, who also provided some legal opinion on matters pertaining to the system's policies and regulation.

At the meeting, Palacios said the commissioner claimed that PSS did not intervene with MHS issues because no formal grievance complaint was filed against Garrison.

MHS teacher James Yangetmai and his group held a four-day protest against Garrison in April. The group raised their concerns to House members after Sablan's office allegedly failed to initiate any action on the matter.

"What we're recommending now to the group of [James] Yangetmai is to file a formal grievance so we will see if the commissioner will act on it," Palacios said, adding that the panel will also ask House members to issue a subpoena for Garrison so he can freely testify.

"There are still many unanswered questions and honestly, we didn't get anything clear in today's meeting. The commissioner said she can only provide response or action within her authority while the legal counsel only provided some opinion on the regulation and policies of PSS," said Palacios

He maintained that Garrison would have shed light on the matter if only he was permitted to testify.

Some panel members, Palacios said, had even reserved some questions for Garrison before they learned, at the last minute, that he would not be allowed to speak.

The more than two-hour meeting also saw the attendance of associate commissioner Pete Le'au and about 10 other persons in the gallery.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy 1st birthday to my boy, Sage Jerome Lizama Santos! Your big sister loves you. Hope you enjoy! Greetings come from Tinie.
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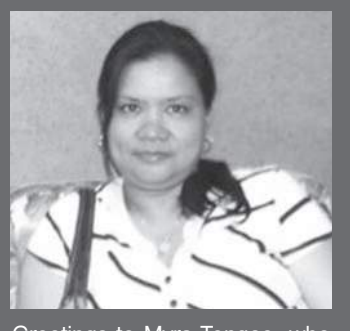
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Lagarde is smart choice for IMF

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When Christine Lagarde begins her job as managing director of the International Monetary Fund on Tuesday, she will step into one of the most powerful finance jobs in the world at a time of instability both inside and outside the global lender. She will also be a rare commodity at the top of the IMF: a woman.

Some critics assert that Lagarde's lack of economic training — she is a corporate lawyer, not an economist — leaves her unqualified to run an institution heralded as a temple to global economics. But those who know her say that argument is weak. Lagarde, most recently the French finance minister, brings substantial credentials to her new post. The 55-year-old Parisian is known as a shrewd negotiator, effective manager, superb communicator and a no-nonsense consensus builder.

She has ample qualifications and she has some experience in shattering glass ceilings. In 1999 she was named the first woman to lead the giant Chicago law firm Baker & McKenzie.

Let's face it, the IMF needs some shattered glass.

To secure the top post, Lagarde had to win over the IMF's board of 24 administrators — all men. Does gender make a difference in finance? There's evidence that it does at many levels.

A 2007 study from Catalyst, a New York-based organization that monitors women's progress in the workplace, found that Fortune 500 companies that had the highest representation of women on their boards of directors achieved a significantly higher financial performance, on average, than those with the fewest women at the helm.

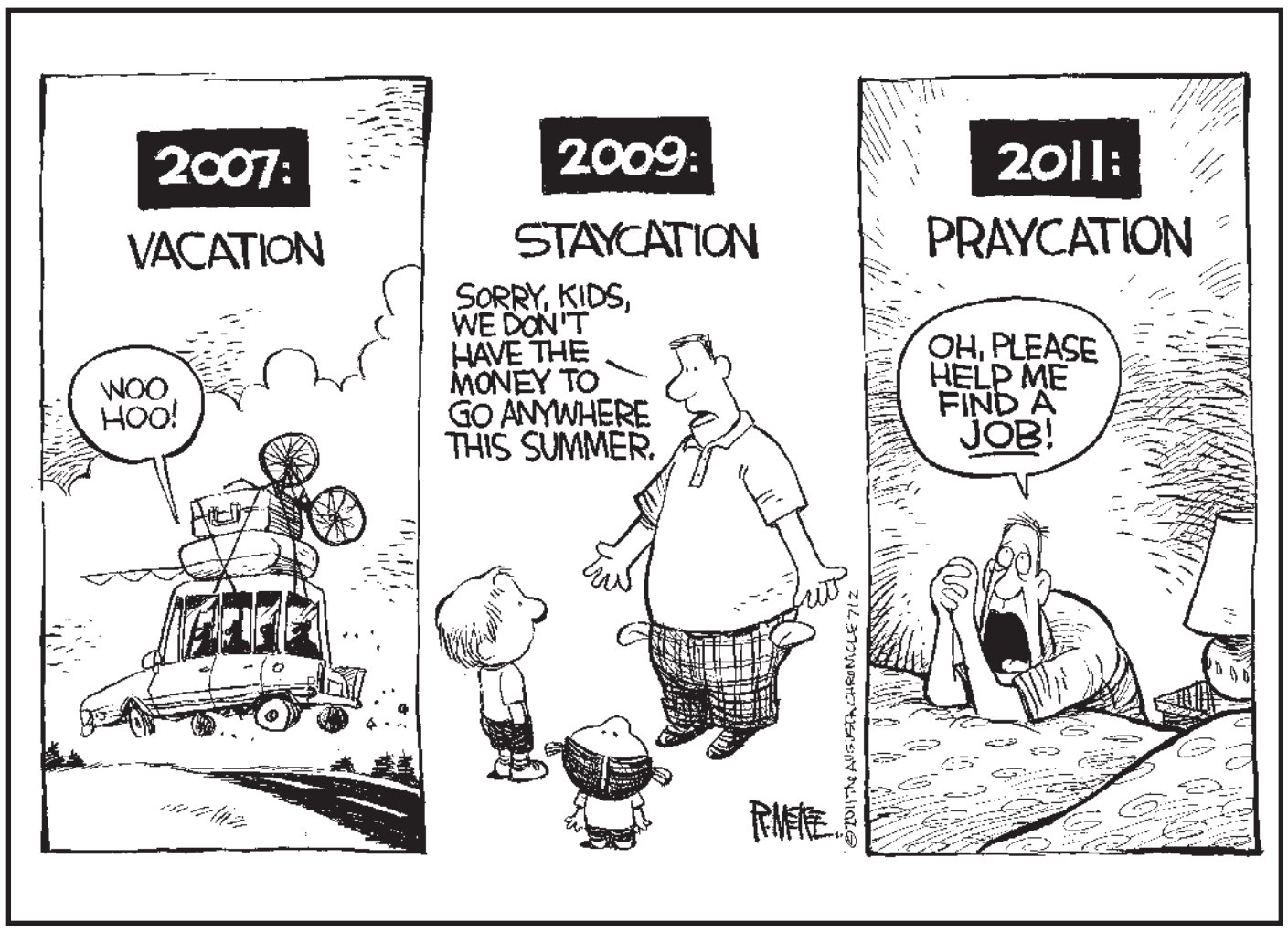
Economists studying global poverty have found that developing nations fare better when women control the purse strings.

As documented in the book "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide" by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, microfinance groups typically focus their loans on women because the investment nets a greater economic return. The book describes "the dirty little secret of global poverty," that when households in developing countries get money, men frequently spend it on alcohol and prostitutes while women spend it on education and starting small businesses.

Expect Lagarde to be outspoken on gender and finance. She often quips that "too much testosterone" leads to trouble in the financial sector. The 2008 financial collapse was at least in part driven by the aggressive, testosterone-fueled mood of male-dominated trading rooms, Lagarde said in a February interview with The Independent.

"Gender-dominated environments are not good ... particularly in the financial sector where there are too few women," Lagarde told the British newspaper. "In gender-dominated environments, men have a tendency to ... show how hairy chested they are, compared with the man who's sitting next to them. I honestly think that there should never be too much testosterone in one room."

The IMF is in for some welcome change.



The law and the profits

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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We studied the social process in our "Social Economics" class, plus walked through virtual wealth, popularly called "phantom wealth" in David Korten's *Agenda for a New Economy.* His agenda is "from Wall St. to Main St." President Obama alluded to it in his election acceptance speech when he declared: "...we cannot have a thriving Wall St. while Main St. suffers."

Financial profit propelled China's 30-year-old advance into the global economy; depending on the law of the financial market guided by central government offices. Much of China's wealth is borne out of currency exchanges. Financial investments from around the world create assets in real estate development markets, and stock markets promote investments into China as worth the expenditures while stock offerings from China are deemed worth investing into. Now, the abundance of currencies has government ranks reeking with corruption, money hightailing it to havens provided by partner investors. CPC recognizes the embarrassing reality that in this proletarian state, the disparity between the have and the have-nots is deep and wide.

To be sure, actual goods and products come out of factory lines. China's green economy industries are at the cutting edge. Rail transport has domestic flights review scheduling as surface traffic becomes more affordable and efficient. But marketing is the name of the game, from the overarching spin of China Inc. to the actual ground sales of trinkets, cosmetics, and junk food. Training in marketing is at a premium high in the pedagogy of higher learning. The book *Poorly Made in China* highlights what the government is trying to overcome, of shoddy production processes oblivious of human labor practices and sustainable environmental concerns.

Contractual arrangements in China are more social than legal; marketing is not new. It is strict adherence to legal procedures that is, and there is apprehension that leadership is evolving away from squeaky clean practical engineers (e.g., reformist President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao) to lawyers trained in defending phantom wealth rather than human health. In the meantime, the marketer rules the Renminbi!

The late standup comic Bill Hicks opened his routines by asking if there were any marketers in his audience. Hicks then thundered to them: "OK, go kill yourselves!" Much of his comedy ranted against the marketers' getting consumers to want something in order to buy what we do not need. Hicks' presented reality as unpalatable truth.

Truth is in the mind of the perceiver, but reality intrudes. This past weekend, reality intruded on two truths. From Syracuse, NY, a bikers' protest against wearing helmets turned tragic when one of the riders abruptly stopped and spun himself out of his bike, landing with his head on the handlebar. He was DOA at the local trauma center.

From Texas, a bar owner was opening a watering hole over the strong objections of the nearby local church. The congregation held regular prayer meetings seeking divine intervention to stop the actual opening of Tequila's door. Lightning struck a week before opening and the place got incinerated. "Acts of God" are not covered by insurance so the businessman sued the church. The judge in whose sala the case landed, chuckled: "It seems," he judicially intoned, "that we have here a bartender who fervently believes in the power of prayer, and a Church that disavows it!"

The law today is on the side of profiteers, all subject to the power of the marketers' spin to get us to part with our money on what we do not necessarily need. That, or erect light poles on our Marpi because "we are the law"!

A variant is usury. In local markets, fresh produce comes early in the morning from the farms, the ponds, or the shores. At the depot, retailers buy at wholesale price and either go directly to the market stalls to resell the goods, or, in the case of sea and fresh water products, pack them in sealed and often cooled containers for transport elsewhere.

There is always a person available to provide capital in increments of 600 pesos, but only hands out 500 pesos. Come sundown, the 600 pesos is returned, avoiding the law against excessive gains. One out of five is 20 percent. Per day! On record, there is no interest on any loan. The moneylender, a prominent contributor to an election fund, is assured friendly police assistance when collection enforcement requires legitimate muscle. When other muscles are employed, which often occurs, procurement of the coercive service justifies the return on investment.

Legitimize the process, replace the players, and enlarge the scope of coverage beyond the *palengke* (wet market), and we have a picture of how phantom wealth is created nationally and globally. No actual tangible goods is involved save the virtual value of the medium of exchange, the insurances and assurances bought, and derivatives created to soak up residues of fear. Currency multiplies itself. The buccaneers and profiteers of Wall St. ride limousines off NYC's Park Ave. and Makati's Paseo de Roxas, rest at Victoria's Pok Fu Lam Rd., and look down on Huangpo River atop Pudong skyscrapers over the Shanghai Bourse. They drive Rolls Royces and thrive on phantom wealth.

When the bubble bursts, the government will just print more money, or "adjust" existing supply. Main St. in America pays the cost. Wall St. is too big to fail so it churns more phantom wealth. Washington bails out, blesses, and stands guard.

China will avoid similar mistakes. Nah!

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Business Transition Points

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Life throws at us a crazy series of challenges that allows us to grow and progress or shrink and regress. These challenges are transition points that occur at various times throughout our life to "test our mettle" and either make us or break us. Examples of these transition points are first, birth into the cold and cruel world, finishing school, starting a new career, finding the love of your life and getting married, having children and raising them, retiring, and then the final exit. Birth and death are given for those who are reading this now, some challenges are common to most people, and a few are unique to your situation.

All of the transition points offer the opportunity for progression—if one takes the challenge and perseveres in the face of obstacles. Most of the greatest books and movies center on the theme of a person or group successfully conquering a challenge. Progression through all transition points requires a new way of thinking, developing new skills, and implementing effective strategies to successfully navigate through them to enjoy a happy, fulfilled, and richer life.

Similarly, a business offers owners, managers and staff specific transition points that provide the opportunity for progression or regression. Those who do not have the skills, training, or strategies to successfully meet the numerous challenges that are thrown at them will feel stuck in a malaise of busyness, where there is too much to do, too little time to do it, and the feeling of just being stuck in a rut.

Your business transition points (BTP) can come from internal or external factors. These factors can include changes made by your competition that impact your business, technological advances, international or global events, legal or political policies, economic changes, environmental factors such as floods, tornadoes, or drought, and socio-cultural changes over time.

The external factors tend to be out of your control, or your influence is minimal. This means that as they occur, all the other businesses in your competitive category will also feel the same impact, so the degree of impact and your ability to adapt to the changes will either help or hinder your business. The slow will go, and the fast will last. Your awareness of these changes and the direct and indirect effect it will have on your business can give you a competitive advantage, while being unaware of these changes creates uncertainty and confusion as your business revenues drop.

Now let's consider the internal factors that can impact your business and create transition points in your organization. These are typically unique to your business and you have more control over them. The personal growth of you and your staff will directly affect the growth of your business. The personal relationships and habits of you and your staff at home can carry over into the workplace. One factor that business textbooks often leave out as a reason for business failure is the failure of the owner to maintain important personal relationships at home. Many businesses have failed or struggled, not because of the products, market, or external conditions, but because of a lack of personal life balance that deteriorated the important personal relationship in the business owner's life.

There are numerous BTPs that occur as a business owner grows from a start-up to the point where employees are hired and the business starts to expand. These "growing pains" are opportunities if the owner is able to learn from the experience or get outside help from someone who can help them take a bird's eye view of their business and identify the correct path to take to master a particular transition point and progress toward the vision they have for their company. Far too often, the owner of the business feels stuck as they approach the numerous transition points that require new ways of thinking, new strategies, and the implementation of effective systems.

There are four key multipliers that you can apply as you move your business to the next level of growth. These all start with "P" and they are: 1) Purpose-Driven, 2) Productivity, 3) Profitability, and 4) Predictability.

Let me briefly discuss the value of each of these multipliers and I'll elaborate on them in future articles because if you fully utilize them, you will find yourself dealing with each challenge as an opportunity to grow and become better and more viable.

First, you must identify the purpose of your business and then center every decision on achieving that purpose. This allows your company to be extremely effective as it achieves the goals that produce the results, which then achieves the purpose and vision of your company. The purpose of a business is often found in the mission statement and the core set of values it is committed to live. Too often, though, the mission statement was created by a consultant or committee to sound good, but it does not truly reflect the values and vision of the owner or staff. In fact, most mission statements are so generic that if you took the name of the business out of it, it could be a mission statement for practically any business.

Second, you must achieve a level of productivity through the efficient use of resources. This includes learning how to master the use of your time, and knowing how to get things done in the best and fastest way possible with the least use of limited resources.

Third, if you've mastered productivity, then it becomes much easier to achieve profitability. Profit can be used to measure the value you offer to your customers. If they find value in what you offer them, they will return that value in the form of monetary transactions, continued loyalty, and joyful interactions.

The last multiplier looks at creating predictability through systems, policies, and procedures in the operation of your business. It shouldn't matter which employee serves a customer, the customer should have a predictable experience each time.

As you apply the four multipliers, it will give you greater clarity, focus, and confidence to conquer each business transition challenge, and to achieve sustainable growth toward your vision.

US foreign policy: War fever subsides

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At periodic intervals, the American body politic has shown a marked susceptibility to messianic fevers. Whenever an especially acute attack occurs, a sort of delirium ensues, manifesting itself in delusions of grandeur and demented behavior.

By the time the condition passes and a semblance of health is restored, recollection of what occurred during the interval of illness tends to be hazy. What happened? How'd we get here? Most Americans prefer not to dwell on the questions. Feeling much better now! Thanks!

Gripped by such a fever in 1898, Americans evinced an irrepressible impulse to liberate oppressed Cubans. By the time they'd returned to their senses, having acquired various parcels of real estate between Puerto Rico and the Philippines, no one could quite explain what had happened or why.

In 1917, the fever suddenly returned. Amid wild ravings about waging a war to end war, Americans lurched off to France. This time the affliction passed quickly, although the course of treatment proved painful: confinement to the charnel house of the Western Front, followed by bitter medicine administered at Versailles.

The 1960s brought another bout (and yet more disappointment). An overwhelming urge to pay any price, bear any burden landed Americans in Vietnam. The fall of Saigon in 1975 seemed, for a brief interval, to inoculate the body politic against any further recurrence. Yet the salutary effects of this "Vietnam syndrome" proved fleeting. By the time the Cold War ended, Americans were running another temperature, their self-regard reaching impressive new heights.

Then came 9/11, and the fever simply soared off the charts. The messiah nation was really pissed and was going to fix things once and for all.

Nearly 10 years have passed since Washington set out to redeem the greater Middle East. The crusades have not gone especially well. In fact, in the pursuit of its mission, the American messiah has pretty much worn itself out.

Today, the post-9/11 fever finally shows signs of abating, though the sickness has by no means passed. Oddly, it lingers most strongly in the Obama White House, where a keenness to express American ideals by dropping bombs persists.

Yet, despite the urges of some in the Obama administration, after nearly a decade of self-destructive flailing about, American recovery has become a distinct possibility. Here's some of the evidence:

In Washington, it's no longer considered a sin to question American omnipotence. Take the case of Robert Gates. The outgoing secretary of Defense certainly restored a modicum of competence and accountability to the Pentagon. But the most enduring Gates legacy is likely to be found in his willingness, however belated, to acknowledge the limits of American power.

No one can charge Gates with being an isolationist or a national security wimp. So when he says anyone proposing another major land war in the Middle East "should have his head examined" — citing the authority of Douglas MacArthur, no less — people take notice. Or more recently there is this. "I've got a military that's exhausted," Gates remarked. "Let's just finish the wars we're in and keep focused on that instead of signing up for other wars of choice." Someone should etch that into outer walls of the Pentagon's E-ring.

Half a dozen years ago, "wars of choice" were all the rage in Washington. No more. Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Or consider the officer corps. There is no "military mind," but there are plenty of minds in the military, and some numbers of them are rethinking the role of military power.

Consider, for example, "Mr. Y," author of *A National Strategic Narrative*, published this spring to considerable acclaim by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. The actual authors of this report are two military professionals, one a Navy captain, the other a Marine colonel.

What you won't find in this document are jingoist chest-thumping and calls for a bigger military budget. If there's an overarching theme, it's pragmatism. Rather than the United States imposing its will on the world, the authors want more attention paid to investment at home.

The world is too big and complicated for any one nation to call the shots, they insist. The effort to do so is self-defeating. "As Americans," Mr. Y writes, "we needn't seek the world's friendship or proselytize the virtues of our society. Neither do we seek to bully, intimidate, cajole or persuade others to accept our unique values or to share our national objectives. Rather, we will let others draw their own conclusions based upon our actions.... We will pursue our national interests and let others pursue theirs."

And finally, by gum, there is the U.S. Congress. Just when that body appeared to have entered a permanent vegetative state, a flickering of intelligent life has made its reappearance, and Democrats and Republicans alike — albeit for different reasons — are raising serious questions about the nation's propensity for multiple, open-ended wars.

Some members cite concerns for the Constitution and the abuse of executive power. Others worry about the price tag. With Osama bin Laden out of the picture, still others insist that it's time to rethink strategic priorities. No doubt partisan calculation or personal ambition figure alongside matters of principle. After all, they are politicians.

Given what polls indicate is a growing public unhappiness over the Afghanistan war, speaking out against the war these days doesn't exactly require political courage. Still, the possibility of our legislators reasserting a role in deciding whether or not a war actually serves the national interest, rather than simply rubber-stamping appropriations and slinking away, now presents itself. God bless the United States Congress.

Of course, at the first signs of self-restraint, you can always count on the likes of Sen. John McCain or the editorial board of the *Wall Street Journal* to decry (in McCain's words) an "isolationist-withdrawal-lack-of-knowledge-of-history attitude." In such quarters, fever is a permanent condition, and it's always 104 and rising. Yet it is a measure of how quickly things are changing that McCain himself, once deemed a source of straight talk, now comes across as a mere crank.

In this way, nearly a decade after our most recent descent into madness, does the possibility of recovery finally beckon.

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Palau	Rain	▲84	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼77
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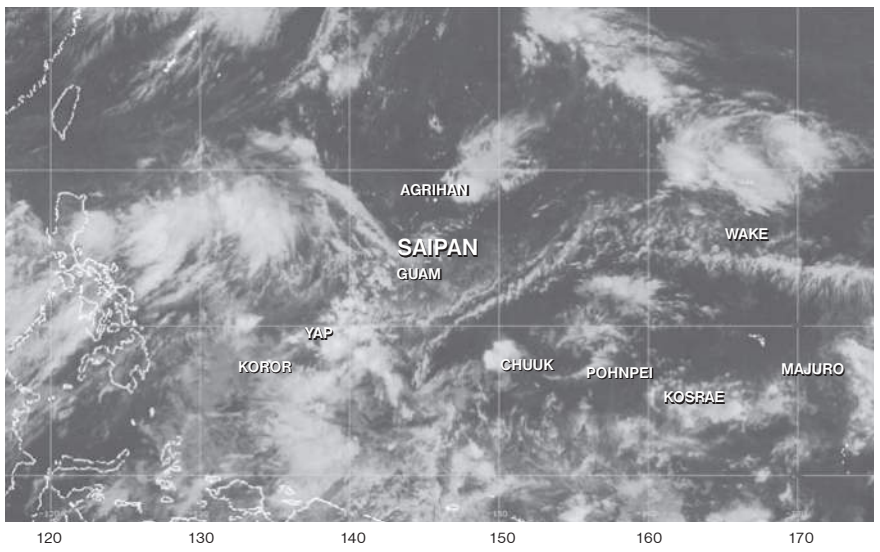

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A monsoon trough well to the west-northwest of the Marianas extends westward from 17N136E to beyond 130E at 17N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found between 14N and 22N west of 138E. Convergent southwest winds south of the monsoon trough are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northwest of Koror, west of a line from 13N133E to 8N134E to EQ133E. A low-level circulation is found southeast of Yap centered near 4N140E. A weak monsoon trough extends eastward to end near 5N155E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found along the western periphery of the circulation within 180 miles of a line from EQ139E to 4N137E to 7N138E, and within convergent northeast flow north of the circulation between 7N and 13N from 138E to 143E, including Yap. Koror is just west of these areas. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers over Kosrae and southwest of Majuro within 100 miles of a line from 4N161E to 5N169E. A trade-wind trough east of Majuro extends northeastward from 5N171E to 10N176E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:00 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
7:31 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
12:45 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
7:06 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Friday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Saturday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Sunday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Monday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:09 AM	11:21 PM
Friday	12:06 AM	-
Saturday	1:05 PM	12:06 AM
Sunday	2:05 PM	12:54 AM
Monday	3:05 PM	1:45 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

MU590	4:30am	7:20am	2, 6
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 4

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT
C09313/933	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM
5K168	3:25pm	6:35pm	1, 4, 6
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

MU589	8:50pm	3:30am+1	1, 5
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	9:55am	5:00pm	2, 5, 7
OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Business

Lagarde takes helm of IMF amid major challenges

WASHINGTON (AP)—Christine Lagarde can count on at least one thing Wednesday during her first news conference as chief of the International Monetary Fund: few softball questions.

The former French finance minister is under pressure on many fronts. Lagarde must convince the developing world that her IMF will be a more open place for non-Western nations. At the same time, she'll have to persuade her fellow Europeans to take painful steps to avoid a default by Greece.

Lagarde is taking over after a scandal, so she will have to restore confidence in the institution. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, her predecessor, resigned in May to fight charges that he sexually assaulted a New York City hotel housekeeper.

If all that weren't enough, Lagarde is the first woman to lead the global lending giant.

"The IMF top job has never been in the spotlight like it is now," said Kevin Gallagher, a professor of international relations at Boston University.

Economists and former IMF officials say Lagarde would do well to make a few points clear when she answers questions Wednesday:

Take a tougher line with Europe. She should show a willingness to push her former European colleagues to accept that a default and restructuring of Greece's debt may be necessary. European governments fear such an approach would harm European banks, which have lent billions to Greece's government.

AP

New IMF Managing Christine Lagarde, left, is met by IMF Acting Managing Director John Lipsky as she arrives at the IMF headquarters in Washington, Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

The European Union and IMF provided Greece with a $159 billion billion bailout package last year—a third of that came from the IMF. Greece has received more assistance from the IMF, relative to its size, than any country in history. That has caused some grumbling among developing countries about favorable treatment.

"She needs to make it clear that she's taking off her French finance minister hat and putting on her global financial institutions hat," Gallagher said.

-- Change the subject away from Greece. One way to show her break from Europe would be to discuss issues other than the continent's debt problems. Many emerging economies, such as China and Brazil, are struggling with high inflation. They also want to know her plans for making the IMF a more open institution.

Eswar Prasad, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and former IMF official, said Lagarde could start by making a firm commitment to changing the governing structure. She should be willing to give emerging markets more voting rights and increased representation.

Stores find success by focusing on the hunt

By ELLEN GIBSON
AP RETAIL WRITER

Trader Joe's, the specialty grocery chain, might not have the cheapest toilet paper or the most varieties of ketchup, but it hooks customers with mango butter, chocolate-covered pomegranate seeds and cilantro-and-jalapeno hummus.

These goodies aren't on most grocery lists, but they're eye-catching enough to tempt shoppers into an impulse buy. At a time when families are watching dollars and the Web makes discount-hunting easy, unexpected treasures are an increasingly important strategy for stores.

"It's the wow factor that's getting people to buy," says Wall Street Strategies analyst Brian Sozzi. "You walk into Costco for tuna and end up getting a Marc Jacobs coat."

So shoppers may go into T.J. Maxx or a DSW shoe store looking for a bargain on something they need but end up splurging on irresistible finds, from dirt-cheap Ray-Bans to half-priced Puma sneakers.

Dollar Tree lures customers with rock-bottom prices on cleaning supplies, then tempts them with extras like leather iPod cases. And at Costco, tucked inside the hulking pallets of mayonnaise and paper towels is a section where shoppers never know what they'll find.

Costco has been using the term "treasure hunt" for years to explain why up to a fifth of its stock is limited-quantity items that are in the store for as little as a week. Sometimes it's seasonal merchandise, such as margarita machines in summer. Often it's surprisingly trendy—such as bargain-priced Hunter rain boots, sold almost exclusively in the U.S. by Nordstrom.

The wholesale chain shows that the treasure hunt strategy can pay. Revenue at U.S. Costco stores open at least a year was up 10 percent last quarter from

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bank of America settlement faces challenge

NEW YORK (AP)—Bank of America's $8.5 billion settlement with investors over poor-quality mortgage bonds is facing a new challenge. On Tuesday, a group of bond investors calling themselves Walnut Place said they objected to the terms of the settlement. In a filing with the New York Supreme Court, the investors said they wanted to be excluded from the settlement that was struck after negotiations between the bank and 22 institutional investors such as BlackRock Inc., the Federal Reserve Bank, and Pimco. The settlement was meant to cover a broader group of investors being represented by a trustee.

Moody's downgrades Portugal on fear of 2nd bailout

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—Ratings agency Moody's downgraded Portugal's government debt on Tuesday, citing growing risks the country will require a second rescue package because it cannot meet its debt reduction targets. Moody's Investors Service cut its rating by one notch to Baa2 from Baa1 and said in a report that it was increasingly unlikely that Portugal would be able to borrow money on capital markets in 2013, as planned. As a result, it said the country would probably require more financial aid—on top of the euro78 billion ($113 billion) bailout it received earlier this year - with private banks taking some losses.

Nation

Casey Anthony cleared of murdering young daughter

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Casey Anthony was acquitted Tuesday of murdering her 2-year-old daughter in a case that became a national sensation on cable TV, with its CSI-style testimony about duct-tape marks on the child's face and the smell of death inside a car trunk.

After a trial of a month and a half, the jury took less than 11 hours to find Anthony not guilty of first-degree murder, aggravated manslaughter and aggravated child abuse.

She was convicted only of four misdemeanor counts of lying to investigators who were looking into the June 2008 disappearance of her daughter, Caylee.

Anthony

Tears welled in Anthony's eyes, her face reddened, her lips trembled, and she began breathing heavily as she listened to the verdict. Anthony, 25, could have gotten the death penalty if convicted of murder.

Many in the crowd of about 500 people outside the courthouse reacted with anger after the verdict was read, chanting, "Justice for Caylee!" One man yelled, "Baby killer!"

Given the relative speed with which the jury came back with a verdict, many courtwatchers were expecting Anthony to be convicted in the killing, and they were stunned by the outcome.

Sentencing was set for Thursday. Anthony could get up to a year behind bars on each count of lying to investigators. But since she has been in jail for nearly three years already, she could walk free.

Prosecutors contended that Anthony—a single mother living with her parents—suffocated Caylee with duct tape because she wanted to be free to hit the nightclubs and spend time with her boyfriend.

Defense attorneys argued that the little girl accidentally drowned in the family swimming pool, and that Anthony panicked and hid the body because of the traumatic effects of being sexually abused by her father.

The case played out on national television almost from the moment Caylee was reported missing three years ago. CNN's hard-nosed Nancy Grace dissected the case at every turn with the zeal of the prosecutor she once was, arguing that Anthony was responsible for her daughter's death. The TV host turned the term "tot mom" into shorthand for Anthony.

Anthony's attorney Cheney Mason blasted the media after the verdict.

"Well, I hope that this is a lesson to those of you having indulged in media assassination for three years, bias, prejudice and incompetent talking heads saying what would be and how to be," Mason said.

"I'm disgusted by some of the lawyers that have done this, and I can tell you that my colleagues from coast to coast and border to border have condemned this whole process of lawyers getting on television and talking about cases that they don't know a damn thing about."

The jurors—seven women, five men—would not talk to the media, and their identities were kept secret by the court.

State's Attorney Lawson Lamar said: "We're disappointed in the verdict today because we know the facts and we've put in absolutely every piece of evidence that existed." The prosecutor lamented the lack of hard evidence, saying, "This is a dry-bones case. Very, very difficult to prove. The delay in recovering little Caylee's remains worked to our considerable disadvantage."

Caylee's disappearance went unreported by her own mother for a month. The child's decomposed body was eventually found in the woods near her grandparents' home six months after she was last seen. A medical examiner was never able to establish how she died.

Flood surge raises fears of Mont. oil spill spread

LAUREL, Mont. (AP)—Crews cleaning up an oil spill on the Yellowstone River faced difficult conditions Tuesday as the scenic waterway rose above flood stage and stoked fears that surging currents could push crude into undamaged areas and back channels vital to the river's prized fishery.

Conditions on the swollen Yellowstone have hampered efforts to find the cause of Friday's break in the 12-inch pipeline that spilled an estimated 1,000 barrels of crude oil.

The river also has been flowing too swiftly for crews to reach some oiled areas, as forecasters said mountain snowmelt was adding to the high water levels. Officials speculated that the surge may push oil into areas that haven't yet been damaged.

Much of the riverbank also is covered with dense underbrush, making it difficult to walk the shoreline. Most observations have been made through aerial flights.

One homeowner, Robert Castleberry, said he had been out of his house since Saturday because of dangerous fumes from oil that the river pushed across his yard and into the crawlspace beneath his house.

Castleberry's wife suffers from heart disease and the fumes gave her difficulty breathing, he said. While he appreciated the company promising to cover the couple's immediate expenses, the 64-year-old retired fuel truck driver was doubtful workers would be able to clean up the black, gooey film that laced through the underbrush along the river.

ACROSS THE NATION

Massive dust storm descends on Phoenix area

PHOENIX (AP)—A massive dust storm has swept into the Phoenix area and drastically reduced visibility across much of the valley. The wall of dust moved across the desert from the south on Tuesday and descended on the valley by nightfall. KSAZ-TV reported the storm appeared to be roughly 50-miles wide. The National Weather Service says strong winds with gusts of more than 60 mph were moving northwest through Phoenix and the cities of Avondale, Tempe and Scottsdale. More than a dozen communities in the area also were under a severe thunderstorm watch until 11 p.m.

Calif. teen faces trial in gay classmate killing

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Southern California teen driven by white supremacist beliefs executed a gay classmate at a junior high school with two gunshots to the back of his head, a prosecutor told jurors Tuesday in her opening trial statement. Ventura County Deputy District Attorney Maeve Fox said defendant Brandon McInerney acted on the white supremacist philosophy that homosexuality is an abomination. However, defense attorney Scott Wippert countered that McInerney had reached an emotional breaking point over unwanted sexual advances by 15-year-old victim Larry King and should be convicted of voluntary manslaughter.

2011 Summer Youth Employment Training Program Qualifiers for Saipan

PHASE I-July 11-August 05, 2011

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	PARTICIPANT	POSITION	PLACEMENT	WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
1	**Ada, Bernice Jane T.**	Registration Clerk	Election Commission	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
2	**Adeva, Mark Kenneth A.**	Fast Food Worker	Subway	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
3	**Aguilar, Anthony Jesse C.**	Recreation Worker	Garapan Community Center	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
4	**Aguilar, Dorraine C.**	Administrative Assistant	Procurement & Supply	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
5	**Aguilo, Gerald Jesse M.,Jr.**	Supply Technician	Procurement & Supply	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
6	**Aguilo, John T. Jr.**	Office Clerk	CPA-Ports Police,Security Access	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
7	**Agustines, Nikkael Choicest M.**	Account Clerk	CHC-Account Receivable	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
8	**Aldan, Alexander Daniel N.**	Sales Clerk	Joeten Susupe Market	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
9	**Aldan, Liyan Yashio L.**	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Public Library	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
10	**Aldan, Michael C.**	Stock Clerk	Ace Hardware, San Vicente	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
11	**Aldan, Mikayla Merced L.**	Maintenance Technician	NMC-Administrative Services	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
12	**Alexander, Romen T.**	Office Clerk	DPH-Laboratory	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
13	**Alexander, Temuo James, Jr.**	Guest Service Officer	Hyatt Regency Saipan-Bell Service	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
14	**Alomia, Luisito L.Jr.**	Registration Clerk	Election Commission	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
15	**Amandus, Clarence Lee**	Office Clerk	DPH-Medical Referral	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
16	**Ancheta, Ashley P.**	Office Clerk	DCCA-NAP	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
17	**Angeles, Anais Joy M**	Ed Tech	NMC-IT	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
18	**Angey, Sherray L.**	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Public Library	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
19	**Angui, Ayana Jane U.**	Recreation Worker	Garapan Community Center	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
20	**Apolinar, Mhark Julian C.**	Sales Clerk	Chong's Corporation	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
21	**Apolinar, Jessica C.**	Fast Food Worker	Subway	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
22	**Atalig, Brenton Tyler**	Kitchen Helper	J.E.T. Holdings,J's Gualo Rai	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
23	**Attao, Lorenzo Jose C.**	Kitchen Helper	J.E.T.Holdings,J's Bowling	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
24	**Avila, Jademark P**	Customer Service	Pacific Airport Services,Inc.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
25	**Babauta, Jacob R.**	Office Clerk	DCCA-Secretary's Ofc.Capitol Hill	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
26	**Babauta, Versalli R.**	Board of Parole	Parole Office Aide	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
27	**Bartolome, Jerica S.**	Administrative Assistant	NMC-OAR	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
28	**Bartolome, Jerome S.**	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Public Library	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
29	**Basiente, Brian John**	Bagger	Joeten Hafa Adai,Garapan	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
30	**Basitisa, Bradley Roy I.**	Trades Assistant	DPH-Maintenance Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
31	**Beltran, Jesse O.**	Cashier	Ace Hardware, San Vicente	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
32	**Biado, Cariza Camille D.**	Media Service Aide	NMC-Media Services	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
33	**Billedo, Junalyn L.**	HR Clerk	Hyatt Regency Saipan-HR	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
34	**Blaken, Marvin L.**	Community Worker	Saipan Mayor's Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
35	**Borja, Alexander P.,Jr.**	Office Clerk	DLNR-Secretary's Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
36	**Borja, Britney Ann C.**	Receptionist	DPH-Medicaid	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
37	**Borja, Celton Roy Y.**	Office Clerk	Board of Professional Licensing	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
38	**Borja, Colleen Mildred C.**	Office Clerk	DPH-Medicaid	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
39	**Borja, Elisha R.**	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
40	**Borja, Peter Gabriel DLC.**	Office Clerk	CPA-Ports Police(Airport)	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
41	**Borja, Sarah Lynn S.**	Sales Clerk	Joeten Susupe, Athletes Foot	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
42	**Borja, Standy S.**	Office Clerk	JTC,Marianas Management Corp.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
43	**Borja, Willina Mae**	Registration Clerk	Election Commission	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
44	**Brel, Janelle K.**	Administrative Assistant	Pacific Trading Co.,LTD.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
45	**Brel, Mario**	Community Worker	Saipan Mayor's Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
46	**Butalon, Jenny Rose A.**	Office Clerk	CHC-Medical Referral	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
47	**Butalon, Rizza Joy Atienza**	Office Clerk	CHC-Accounts Payable	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
48	**Caacbay, Noemi A.**	Office Clerk	DPH-Laboratory	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
49	**Cabaobao, George Bob A.**	Recreation Worker	Garapan Community Center	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
50	**Cabrera, Annalyn Jovannah**	Legal Intern	Torres Tenorio Torres Law Firm	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
51	**Cabrera, Brandon Clint**	Registration Clerk	Election Commission	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
52	**Cabrera, Jewels Malia A.**	Administrative Assistant	NMC-Administrative Services	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
53	**Cabrera, Johnson P.**	Recreation Worker	Garapan Community Center	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
54	**Camacho, Gregory M.**	Merchandising Clerk	D&Q Saipan,Co.,Ltd	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
55	**Camacho, Kianah R.**	Office Clerk	DPH-Medical Records	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
56	**Camacho, Mariano M.,Jr.**	Housekeeping	Aqua Resort Club	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
57	**Camacho, Mikala marie C.**	Legal Intern	Torres Tenorio Torres Law Firm	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
58	**Camacho, Roman John P.**	Warehouseman	Pacific Trading Co.,LTD.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
59	**Caragay, Katrina M.**	Administrative Assistant	NMC-Nursing Department	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
60	**Carman, Edfel D.**	Subway	Subway	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
61	**Castro, Amanda J.**	Front Desk Clerk	Aqua Resort	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
62	**Castro, Cassandra Lyn**	Customs Trainee	Division of Customs-Seaport	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
63	**Castro, Doris Marie C.**	Office Clerk	CPA-Ports Police,Police Admin.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
64	**Castro, Jenya Doverly K.**	Office Clerk	DCCA-Secretary's Ofc Capitol Hill	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
65	**Catilo, Kenneth S.**	Computer Lab Aide	NMC-Computer Lab	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
66	**Celis, Macy Lynn M.**	Administrative Assistant	NMC-Dean APS	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
67	**Celis, Raewyn Magdalena E.**	Office Clerk	Board of Parole	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
68	**Chan, Adriel B.**	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Public Library	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
69	**Chan, Joel B.**	Licensing Clerk	DPS-BMV	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
70	**Chenor, Samantha E.**	Office Clerk	DPS-Highway Safety	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
71	**Chlarson, Henry Mark A.**	Licensing Clerk	DPS-BMV	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
72	**Cucal, Arni D.**	Office Clerk	DCCA-NAP	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
73	**Daikichy, Nester N.**	Customs Trainee	Division of Customs-Seaport	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
74	**Dantic, Leonard Ray Dizon**	Clerk	Sorenson Production,TV	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
75	**Dawe, Wayne Brandon N.**	Supply Technician	DPH-Material Management,Lower Base	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
76	**Defan, Edith M.**	Ernst & Young	Ernst & Young	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
77	**Defang, Freeman Sylvester**	Office Clerk	CPA-Police Admin.(Airport)	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
78	**Defang, Norman Sylvester**	Office Clerk	CPA-Ports Police Support	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
79	**Dela Cruz, Derick D.**	Office Clerk	DPH-Secretary's Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
80	**Dela Cruz, Kellie John D.**	Warehouseman	Pacific Trading Co.,LTD.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
81	**Delcon Guerrero, Lawrence R.**	Recreation Worker	Garapan Community Center	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
82	**Demapan, Arnold Sherman A.**	Computer Lab Aide	NMC-Computer Lab	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
83	**Edquilta, Ryan Carlo L.**	Office Clerk	DPH-Divisions	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
84	**Emilinea, Gwenavere DLG.**	Registration Clerk	Election Commission	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
85	**Eniser, Mackrin**	Office Clerk	DCCA-NAP	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
86	**Esefou, Albert S.**	Customs Trainee	Division of Customs-Airport	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
87	**Esefou, Kesner**	Customs Trainee	Division of Customs-Airport	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
88	**Esmer, Kerr Rose C.**	Office Clerk	Rep.Joseph Mafnas Palacios	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
89	**Esposo, Jhumilyn S.**	Registration Clerk	Election Commission	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
90	**Espayos, Matthew M.**	Office Clerk	DPS-Ports Police,Security Access	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
91	**Estoque, Benedick D.**	Waitstaff	Hyatt Regency Saipan	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
92	**Fabuada, Ufer Jae**	Stock Clerk	Joeten Dandan Market	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
93	**Francisco, Neil G**	Licensing Clerk	DPS-BMV	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
94	**Francisco, Ralph G.**	Licensing Clerk	DPS-BMV	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
95	**Germinaro, Roseanne Pauline S.**	Maintenance Technician	Aqua Resort Club	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
96	**Gideon, Liyelmatao K.**	***TBD-CONTACT WIA OFFICE***	***TBD-CONTACT WIA OFFICE***	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
97	**Gomez, Kenneth Liquiran**	Warehouseman	Coca-Cola	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
98	**Greenman, Stanaleen A.**	Sales Clerk	YCO Chalan Kiya	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
99	**Guerrero, Estella R.**	Scholarship Office	Scholarship Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
100	**Helbert, Marla**	Office Clerk	Coca-Cola	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
101	**Hiromi, Messyla H.**	Office Clerk	Saipan Mayor's Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
102	**Hofschneider, Nikita Ann T.**	Administrative Assistant	Sorenson Pacific / Phase 1	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
103	**Hossain, Mohammed A.**	Office Clerk	DPL-Real Estate Division	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
104	**Hossain, Mohammed O.**	Kitchen Helper	DPH-Dietary Unit	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
105	**Ibarra, Dan Deric D.**	Customer Service	J.E.T. Holdings,Blossoms Floral	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
106	**Ibarra, Ryan D.**	Office Clerk	J.E.T. Holdings	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
107	**Ichihara, Puleen Jessicalynn C.**	Information Services Aide	NMC-IT	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
108	**Iderbei, Meredith R.**	***TBD-CONTACT WIA OFFICE***	***TBD-CONTACT WIA OFFICE***	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 8AM-12NOON
109	**Igisomar, John Davin R.**	Office Clerk	CPA-Human Resources(Airport)	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
110	**Iglecias, Raeiosha Deanna A.**	Registration Clerk	Election Commission	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
111	**Ilo, Litiwaar Mpoco**	Office Clerk	Northern Is. Mayor's Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
112	**Ilo, Rianalyn Camacho**	Office Clerk	Northern Is. Mayor's Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
113	**Indalecio, David Jesus S.**	Maintenance Technician	NMC-Administrative Services	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
114	**Indalecio, David Miguel M.,Jr.**	***TBD-CONTACT WIA OFFICE***	***TBD-CONTACT WIA OFFICE***	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
115	**Ingram, Trieia Ann L.**	Administrative Assistant	NMC-Administrative Services	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
116	**Jack, Traina**	Waitstaff	Hyatt-Food & Beverage	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
117	**Jones, Janet L.**	Office Clerk	DPH-Chest Clinic	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
118	**Kacys, Lorielyn Monica D.**	Office Clerk	DPH-Medicaid	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
119	**Kaipat, Christine Mary W.**	Licensing Clerk	DPS-BMV	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
120	**Kaipat, Joel Chico W.**	Office Clerk	DCCA-NAP	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
121	**Kaipat, Leon Terence W.**	Terminal Documentation Clerk	Saipan Stevedore Co.Inc.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
122	**Kani, Santiago Andrew C.**	Guest Service Officer	Hyatt Regency Saipan-Communication Centre	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
123	**Kasian, Ines L.**	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Public Library	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
124	**Kazuo, Selima C.**	Dispatcher	DPS-Police	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
125	**Keju, Peterson J.**	Information Services Aide	NMC-IT	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
126	**Kelmal, Dorabeth N.**	***TBD-CONTACT WIA OFFICE***	***TBD-CONTACT WIA OFFICE***	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
127	**Kiklemau, John A.,Jr.**	Customs Trainee	Division of Customs-Airport	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
128	**King, Milagros Concepcion Inton**	Research Assistant	MVA	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
129	**King, Rebekka Angela Inton**	Administrative Assistant	MVA	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
130	**Kumuch, Anthonio Luckson**	Trades Assistant	DPH-Maintenance Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
131	**Lacandazo, Erene Rose S.**	Office Clerk	DCCA-NAP	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
132	**Lacanilao, Paolo S.**	Customs Trainee	Division of Customs-Seaport	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
133	**Lacanilao, Richard S.**	Recreation Worker	Garapan Community Center	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
134	**Lacay, Sherlyn D.**	Supply Technician	Procurement & Supply	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
135	**Laniyo, Jon Climaco**	Warehouseman	Pacific Trading Co.,LTD.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
136	**Leemarvin, Sharla**	Sales Clerk	Joeten-All Star Garapan	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
137	**Leon Guerrero, Nathan Drew Mitchell H.**	Office Clerk	DCCA-Secretary's Ofc.Capitol Hill	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
138	**Leon Guerrero, Vince Koki N.**	Licensing Clerk	DPS-BMV	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
139	**Limes, Elaine Margarita D.**	Cashier	Hafa Adai-Garapan	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
140	**Lisua, Mathew Marty W.**	Office Clerk	CMS-Gualo Rai	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
141	**Lisua, Vincent Simion W.**	Registration Clerk	Election Commission	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
142	**Litulumar, Stephen Austin R.**	Administrative Assistant	OPA	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
143	**Liwag, Ana L.**	Recreation Worker	Garapan Community Center-Rep.Felicidad T. Ogumoro	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
144	**Lizama, Benedicto D.,Jr.**	Account Clerk	Hyatt Regency Saipan-Finance	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
145	**Lizama, John Paul B.**	Customer Service	Pacific Airport Services,Inc.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
146	**Lizama, Jose C.,Jr.**	Office Clerk	DPH-Medical Referral	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
147	**Lizama, Kraven Tory Q.**	Warehouseman	Pacific Trading Co.,LTD.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
148	**Lizama, Mercedes Ann Marie S.**	Office Clerk	DPS-Traffic	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
149	**Lucas, Petrina Delorie L.**	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Public Library	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
150	**Lumaug, Maria Lowedeth L.**	Office Clerk	Bank of Saipan	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
151	**Macaranas, Germaine Margaret Rose C.**	Guest Service Officer	Hyatt Regency Saipan-Communication Centre	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
152	**Magofna, John Jacob S.**	Warehouse Clerk	DPH-Material Management,Lower Base	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
153	**Mality, Shawna Lynn S.**	HR Clerk	Saipan Stevedore Co.Inc.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
154	**Manahane, Marvin H.,Jr.**	Stock Clerk	Joeten Kagman Market	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
155	**Manibusan, John D.,Jr.**	Supply Technician	DPH-Material Management,Lower Base	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
156	**Maralit, Jerie P.**	HR Clerk	NMC-Human Resources	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
157	**Maralit, Jirelle P.**	Clerk	Sorenson Production,ABC7	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
158	**Maratita, Joey Daniel T.**	Customer Service	Pacific Airport Services,Inc.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
159	**Maratita, Richard C.,Jr.**	Administrative Assistant	Pacific Trading Co.,LTD.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
160	**Maratita, Roman John C.**	Supply Technician	Procurement & Supply	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
161	**Meipen, Pedrus Mauris G.**	Office Clerk	Saipan SDA Clinic	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
162	**Mencher, Macklene Michael**	Administrative Assistant	CRM	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
163	**Mindanao, Jennifer B.**	Account Clerk	CHC-Accounts Receivable	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
164	**Murig, Adrian John P.,Jr.**	Office Clerk	Saipan Mayor's Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
165	**Nakayama, Jay**	Sales Clerk	Joeten Borderline,Garapan	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
166	**Nartin, Narnin**	Guest Service Officer	Hyatt Regency Saipan	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
167	**Nartin, Narphine M.**	Stock Clerk	Joeten Susupe Market	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
168	**Nekaikes, Jaclyn L.**	Office Clerk	DPH-Billing Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
169	**Norita, Catrina K.**	Administrative Assistant	Saipan Stevedore Co.Inc.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
170	**Norita, Lori Lynn K.**	Registration Clerk	Election Commission	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
171	**Norita, Manuel R.**	Receptionist	DPH-Medicaid	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
172	**Norita, Sandy N.**	Stock Clerk	Joeten Susupe Market	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
173	**Ocaya, Allan T.**	Office Clerk	DPH-Medical Records	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
174	**Ocaya, James Ali P.**	Materials Clerk Store	Hyatt Regency Saipan	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
175	**Ogoy, Jovillelyn A.**	Administrative Assistant	NMC-Nursing Department	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
176	**Oscar, Nancy Anastacio**	Research Assistant	NMC-SSFA	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
177	**Pangelinan, Nathaniel Anthony**	Permit Clerk	CRM	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
178	**Pascual, Kyle Jahreil P.**	Computer Lab Aide	NMC-Computer Lab	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
179	**Paul, Alfred M.**	Library Aide	Joeten Kiyu Public Library	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
180	**Peter, Mario F.**	Office Clerk	DCCA-NAP	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
181	**Phillip, Lovemie R.**	Office Clerk	Joeten ICT Main Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
182	**Prado, Bobison R.,Jr.**	Kitchen Helper	J.E.T. Holdings,J's Gualo Rai	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
183	**Pua, Ann Margret DLG.**	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
184	**Quichocho, Norman A.**	Stock Clerk	Joeten Dandan Market	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
185	**Quinters, Sergio Anton**	Customer Service	Pacific Airport Services,Inc.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
186	**Quitugua, Francisco C.**	Administrative Assistant	Pacific Trading Co.,LTD.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
187	**Ramangmon, Frankie A.,Jr.**	Sales Clerk	YCO Saipan,Garapan	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
188	**Ramangmon, Giltinan A.**	Sales Clerk	YCO Saipan,Liberty Plaza	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
189	**Rangamar, Jacqueline Juliet D.**	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
190	**Rasa, Lance B.**	Office Clerk	CPA-Ports Police(Airport)	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
191	**Reyes, Albert John P.**	Community Worker	Northern Is. Mayor's Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
192	**Reyes, EstebeAnn Karmin A.**	Fast Food Worker	Subway	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
193	**Reyes, Larissa Marie M.**	Account Clerk	DPL-Finance Division	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
194	**Reyes, Ricky R.**	Administrative Assistant	Division of Customs-Seaport	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
195	**Rios, Abel Taman**	Dining Room Attendant	Aqua Resort Club	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
196	**Rios, Estezana Ain**	Permit Clerk	CRM	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
197	**Rios, Jack Daniel A.**	Customs Trainee	Division of Customs-Seaport	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
198	**Rios, Keolani Rose P.**	Guest Service Officer	Hyatt Regency Saipan-Club Elan	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
199	**Rios, Moses A.,Jr.**	Permit Clerk	CRM	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
200	**Rios, Riomono Abramson A.**	Merchandising Clerk	D&Q Saipan,Co.,Ltd	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
201	**Rungel, Ricky Joe N.**	Warehouseman	Pacific Trading Co.,LTD.	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
202	**Robert, Mary Rose M.**	Office Clerk	DPL-Real Estate Division	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
203	**Rosal, Donalyn J.**	Waitstaff	Hyatt Regency Saipan	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
204	**Ruben, Glenn Anthony M.,Jr.**	Recreation Worker	Garapan Community Center	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
205	**Rudolph, RJ**	Sales Clerk	Joeten Susupe Market	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
206	**Sablan, Frankie E.**	Stock Clerk	Joeten Susupe Market	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
207	**Sablan, Lorie Cassandra T.**	Office Clerk	Bank of Saipan	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
208	**Sablan, Mathew E.**	Produce Clerk	Joeten Susupe Market	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
209	**Sablan, Zack E.**	Waitstaff	Hyatt-Food & Beverage	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
210	**Sachuo, Jeffrey E.**	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
211	**Sachuo, Marlin Elizabeth**	Guest Service Officer	Hyatt Regency Saipan-Club Elan	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
212	**Salas, Austin Roy M.**	Stock Clerk	Joeten Kagman Market	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
213	**Salas, Madysn Monique M.**	Stock Clerk	Rep.Ramon Tebuteb	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
214	**Salem, Nevin S.**	Kitchen Helper	J.E.T.Holdings,J's Bowling	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
215	**Sampang, Edsby O.**	Ed Tech	NMC-Distance Ed. Facility	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
216	**San Nicolas, Eugene Michael A.,Jr.**	Administrative Assistant	Division of Customs-Seaport	TUESDAY, July 5, 2011 1PM-5PM
217	**Sanchez, Kayla Rose C.**	Office Clerk	Saipan Mayor's Office	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
218	**Santos, Angel T.**	Office Clerk	DLNR-Secretary's Office	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
219	**Santos, Christopher Raymond C.**	Supply Technician	Procurement & Supply	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
220	**Santos, Jacqueline Simone V.**	Front Desk Clerk	Soemon Pacific / Phase 1	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
221	**Santos, Jena T.**	Office Clerk	CPA-Ports Police Support	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
222	**Santos, Kayla Natasha T.**	Administrative Assistant	Scholarship Office	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
223	**Santos, Vernon John T.**	Office Clerk	Election Commission	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
224	**Sarahs, Jacklynn N.**	Office Clerk	Public Defender Office	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
225	**Satur, Margie Kai**	Office Clerk	PSS-BOE Administration Office	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
226	**Satur, Mariano Julian L.**	Office Clerk	PSS-Certification & Licensure Office	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
227	**Saures, Tanya L.**	Recreation Worker	Garapan Community Center	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
228	**Secharmidal, Biawa Z.**	Community Worker	Saipan Mayor's Office	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
229	**Selbert, Kenneth Karlo L.**	Stock Clerk	Joeten Kagman Market	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
230	**Seman, Elmano Kimo P.**	Information Services Aide	NMC-IT	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
231	**Siech, Kasper L.**	Customs Trainee	Division of Customs-Airport	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
232	**Simina, Jason**	Office Clerk	DPH-Divisions	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
233	**Singa, Kaylyn Gloria M.**	Registration Clerk	DPH-Business Office	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
234	**Singa, Larry Shane M.**	Recreation Worker	Garapan Community Center	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
235	**Sinounou, Francisco J.**	Community Worker	Northern Is. Mayor's Office	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
236	**Suda, Corina Mae**	Office Clerk	DLNR-Land Registration & Survey	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
237	**Suda, Roxanne J.**	Waitstaff	Hyatt-Food & Beverage	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12NOON
238	**Suda, Roxy J.**	Administrative Assistant	Division of Customs-Seaport	WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2011 8AM-12N

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India health minister calls homosexuality disease

NEW DELHI (AP)—India's health minister derided homosexuality as an unnatural "disease" from the West at an HIV/AIDS conference, drawing outrage Tuesday from a U.N. official and activists who said the comments set back campaigns for gay rights and against HIV.

In a hastily called news conference Tuesday evening, Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad said he was misquoted, though video of Monday's speech has aired repeatedly on Indian television.

"Some people have played with the words. I have been quoted out of context," he said. "My reference was to HIV as a disease. As health minister, I know (male homosexual sex) is not a disease."

His original speech echoed a common refrain in the conservative South Asian nation that homosexuality is a Western import.

"It is a matter of concern that, unfortunately, in the world and in our country this disease has arisen, where men are having sex with men, which is unnatural and should not be happening," Azad said, speaking in Hindi.

Anjali Gopalan, who heads the NAZ Foundation, a rights group that works with HIV positive people and promotes equal rights for homosexuals, said Azad's initial comments were deeply troubling coming from the health minister of a country fighting a tough battle against HIV infections.

"These comments help no cause. It's definitely not going to help in our fight against HIV," she told The Associated Press.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Congress Party leader Sonia Gandhi and a slew of government ministers were present at the conference Monday.

Singh should consider firing Azad, said Anand Grover, the U.N. special rapporteur on health.

"His remarks are completely insensitive. It lowers the dignity of the gay community," he said. "It is unacceptable to have a minister talking like this."

Roughly 2.5 million Indians have HIV, making it the country with the largest number of people living with the virus in Asia.

Experts say the marginalization of gay people keeps them isolated and makes it harder for HIV/AIDS awareness messages to reach them.

"If you're not going to invest in community building, then gay people will continue to be marginalized," Gopalan said.

In 2009, the Delhi High Court struck down a colonial era law—Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code—that made sex between people of the same gender punishable by up to 10 years in prison. While actual criminal prosecutions were rare, the law was frequently used to harass people.

The court ruling was noteworthy in a country where even heterosexual sex is rarely discussed openly.

Over the last decade, homosexuals have slowly gained a degree of acceptance in a few parts of India, especially its big cities. Many bars have gay nights, and some high-profile Bollywood films have dealt with gay issues. The last two years have also seen large gay pride parades in New Delhi and other big cities such as Mumbai and Kolkata.

Filipino officials ban Chinese diplomat amid spat

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine officials have banned a senior Chinese diplomat from meetings for alleged rude behavior, in the latest fallout from a feud over the potentially oil-rich Spratly Islands, officials said.

Department of Foreign Affairs officials said Tuesday that Chinese Embassy First Secretary Li Yongsheng, who heads its political section, raised his voice at a Filipino officer last month while discussing Philippine allegations of Chinese intrusions in Manila-claimed areas in the Spratlys.

A memorandum from the department's Asian and Pacific Affairs office said Li exhibited "conduct unbecoming of a diplomat" and that the Chinese embassy had been informed he would not be allowed to attend future meetings at the Philippine office.

Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario has been informed about the incident, according to the memo, which was seen by The Associated Press.

The memorandum did not provide details of what happened at the meeting, but at least three senior Filipino diplomats said Li raised his voice in an offensive manner during a discussion of Manila's claims that Chinese forces intruded into Philippine territorial waters in and near the Spratlys. The diplomats spoke on condition of anonymity because they lacked authority to talk to reporters.

The Chinese Embassy said Wednesday it would not react to anonymous statements.

It did not address Li's alleged misconduct but said in a cellphone text message that all its diplomats in Manila are "working with every sense of sincerity and responsibility for the improvement and development of China-Philippines friendly relations."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippine president sells his Porsche

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Benigno Aquino III says he has sold his Porsche because it has become a security risk—and not because of criticism that it was inappropriate for a leader of a poor country. Critics say the 50-year-old bachelor president's $102,000 thirdhand sports car is a sign of insensitivity. Aquino told reporters Tuesday he sold the car for the same price he bought it. But he said that too much news reports and commentaries about the car have made it "an advertisement that, 'Hey, here I am."

Vacationing Myanmar democracy leader draws crowds

BAGAN, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar's democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi was supposed to be on a private tour of the temple city of Bagan, but she drew crowds Tuesday in a test of the government's tolerance after it warned her against political appearances. Suu Kyi, in her first trip out of the main city of Yangon since she was released from house arrest in November, was visiting the ancient city with her youngest son. "I am very happy. This is my first vacation with my son in twenty years," Suu Kyi told reporters after praying at one of Bagan's famous temples. "I never have enough sleep at home but now I want to sleep all the time. I have time to rest."

Couple attacked with arrows in Papua New Guinea

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—A young couple who took a dip in a river in a remote part of Papua New Guinea are recovering from a harrowing attack by a tribesman who shot the man with arrows twice before attempting to sexually assault the woman. Police in Papua New Guinea said the attacker is being sought, and a hospital official said the suspect previously has been imprisoned for rape. The couple have declined requests to speak to the media, but interviews by The Associated Press this week with the local doctor who first treated the pair, along with other accounts from Papua New Guinea, are shedding new light on the rare attack near Nomad in the isolated North Fly District. Dr. Charlie Turharus said the tribesman had been covertly tracking the pair for perhaps an hour or two before the June 19 attack.

World

Libyans who fled Tripoli describe furtive protests

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)—Rebel sympathizers, driven underground by a security clampdown in Tripoli, have resorted to furtive protests such as writing "No" next to pro-government wall graffiti and releasing balloons with rebel flags attached, according to two Libyans who have escaped the capital.

AP

A Libyan girl hangs onto a stairwell banister in downtown Tripoli, Libya, Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

The two men spoke after reaching the eastern rebel stronghold of Benghazi, offering a rare snapshot of anti-government resistance in the capital. Tripoli residents, fearing regime reprisals, are generally reluctant to speak to foreign reporters based there who can only move with government minders and are almost never allowed access to rebel sympathizers.

Rebels have seized eastern Libya, while Gadhafi clings to much of the rest of the country and is believed to be hunkering down in the capital, his main power base.

Government troops loyal to Gadhafi have stepped up pressure in the past two days near the port city of Misrata and a key western mountain range to try to block rebel fighters from advancing toward Tripoli, rebels said Tuesday. They said at least 11 people were killed in fighting that began late Monday and continued the next day.

Libyan government troops have been unable to retake two main rebel strongholds in the Gadhafi-controlled west—Misrata and several towns in the Nafusa mountain range. The rebels have been trying to break out of these bridgeheads and advance toward Tripoli.

Gadhafi's forces maintain a tight grip on the capital, said Abdulbaset Ouf, a chemical engineer in his 40s who arrived in Benghazi last week on a Red Cross ship from Tripoli, accompanied by his wife and three children.

In Mexico, US shipmates await word of 7 missing

SAN FELIPE, Mexico (AP)—They are fathers, fiances and experienced fishermen.

The seven U.S. tourists still missing two days after their boat capsized off Mexico's coast went to sea as they had for several years on the U.S. Independence Day holiday: They wanted to fish and have a good time.

At least one American tourist, besides the seven missing, has been confirmed dead and identified by Mexican officials as Leslie Yee of Ceres, California.

On Tuesday, the shipmates who survived the wreck anxiously awaited word as the Mexican navy and the U.S. Coast Guard expanded their search in the Gulf of California, holding out hope that the missing were able to survive in the gulf's balmy waters.

Mexican navy Capt. Ruben Bustos said they are increasing resources and moving their search area south of Gonzaga bay, a coastal town south of the port of San Felipe where efforts concentrated Monday.

Rescue teams are also coordinating efforts with officials across the gulf in the northern state of Sonora because shipwreck survivors in the region sometimes are swept far away by fast tides.

"Every hour he's still missing, hope gets hit with reality," said Gary Wong, whose younger brother, Brian, 54, of Berkeley, is among the missing tourists.

A local TV station in California erroneously reported that Brian Wong, who works in personnel for Alameda County and has two grown daughters, was among the dead, leaving the family to calm his frantic wife.

A sudden storm struck early Sunday, capsizing the 115-foot (35-meter) vessel, the Erik. The crew and the fishermen clung to coolers, rescue rings and life vests for more than 16 hours.

The navy and other fishing boats plucked 19 fishermen and all 16 crew members from the water late Sunday. The vessel sank about 60 miles (100 kilometers) south of San Felipe.

WORLD BRIEFS

Venezuela's military a key player amid uncertainty

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuela's military took center stage in the country's bicentennial celebrations Tuesday, and it likely would be a key player in the country's political future if Hugo Chavez were to be forced out of the presidency by cancer. Thousands of troops marched beneath thundering fighter jets and helicopters while an announcer's booming voice declared that the nation is "free, socialist, independent." Top brass appeared alongside Chavez, a former paratrooper, as he saluted and addressed the parade from his presidential palace. The image brought to mind key moments of Chavez's career, such as a 2002 coup against him, in which military loyalists came to his rescue.

Report: 197 migrants feared drowned off Sudan

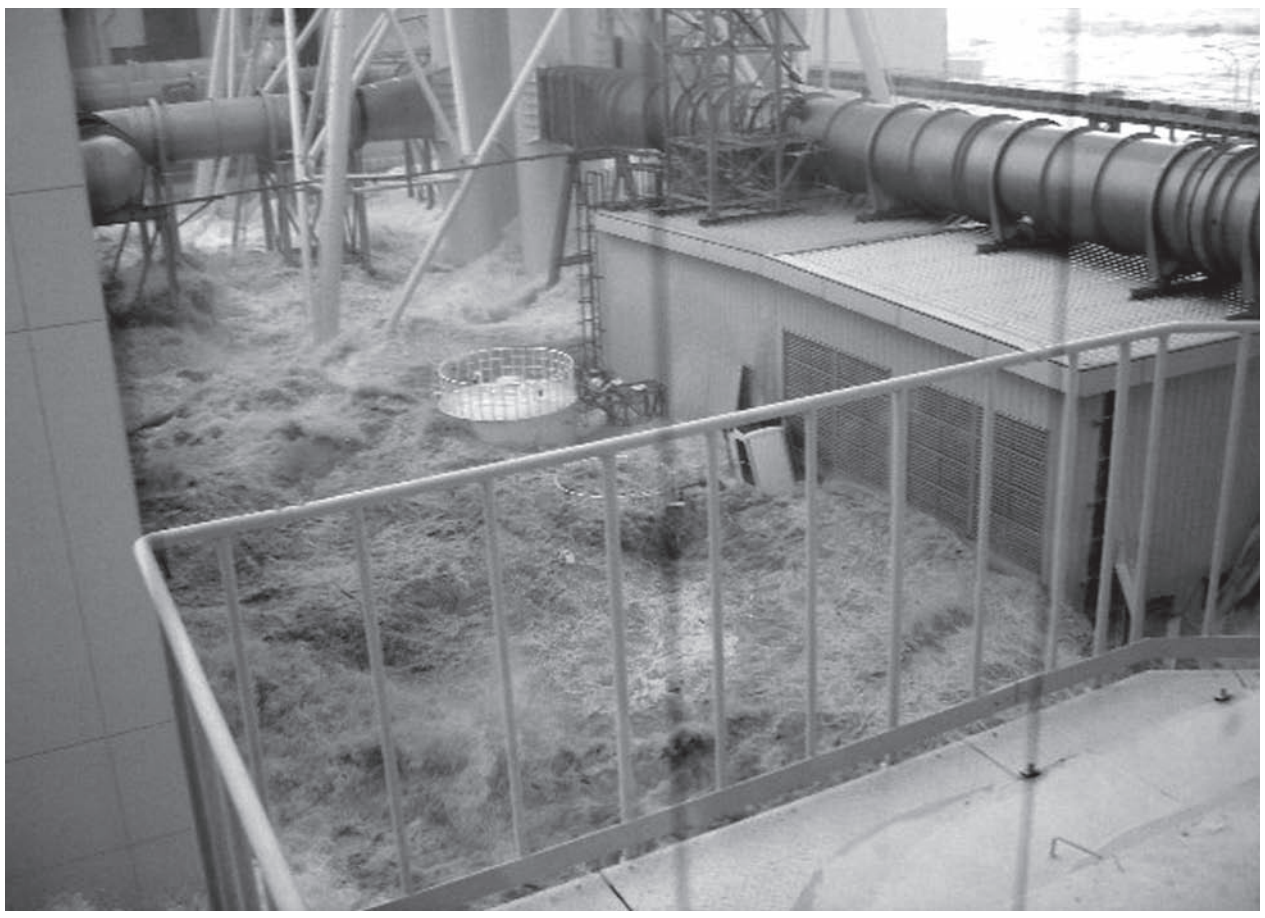
KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)—Nearly 200 African migrants were feared drowned Tuesday after a boat carrying them to Saudi Arabia caught fire off Sudan's northeastern coast, a semiofficial news agency reported. The Sudan Media Center said three migrants were rescued. The boat had launched from Red Sea State, one of Sudan's 26 states, and sailed for four hours in Sudanese territorial waters before the blaze broke out, according to the news agency. Local authorities were still searching for possible survivors, it said. The report could not be independently confirmed.

Britain shocked by hacking into slain girl's phone

LONDON (AP)—Britain's voracious tabloids may have hit a new low: The News of the World was facing claims Tuesday that it hacked into a missing 13-year-old's phone messages, possibly hampering a police inquiry into her disappearance. Milly Dowler was found murdered months later and the report that her messages were tampered with has horrified Britons. Major advertisers—including Ford UK—have pulled their ads from the paper. Britons are used to seeing their tabloid press harass royals, sports stars and celebrities, constantly eavesdropping and paying even the most tangential sources for information about stars' sex lives and drug problems.

Focus

How 24 hours shaped Japan's nuclear crisis



AP/TEPCO FILE

In this March 11, 2011 photo released by Tokyo Electric Power Co., tsunami waves gush into a complex near the Unit 4 reactor at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex in Okuma, Fukushima Prefecture, northeastern Japan.

Editor's Note: *It was an ordinary Friday afternoon, and then the shaking began—harbinger of a nuclear nightmare that rages on, three months later. A moment-by-moment account of the crucial first 24 hours after an earthquake and tsunami devastated Japan's Fukushima Dai-ichi plant.*

FUKUSHIMA, Japan (AP)—When Unit 2 began to shake, Hiroyuki Kohno's first hunch was that something was wrong with the turbines. He paused for a moment, then went back to logging the day's radioactivity readings.

He expected it to pass. Until the shakes became jolts.

As sirens wailed, he ran to an open space, away from the walls, and raced down a long corridor with two colleagues. Parts of the ceiling fell around them. Outside, he found more pandemonium.

"People were shouting about a tsunami," he said. "At that point, I really thought I might die."

Breathless, Kohno climbed a small hill and turned to look back. Black plumes rose from the reactor units. The emergency generators, burning diesel, had kicked in.

He saw the wave. It crashed over the plant's seawall, stopping only when it reached the foot of the slope about 500 yards (460 meters) from where he stood.

Kohno watched, stunned.

Unit 2, one of six reactors at the Fukushima Dai-ichi power station, is ordinary by nuclear standards: a drab labyrinth of switches and valves, ladders and bulkheads, meters and gauges. That's how Kohno, a veteran radioactivity specialist, knew it.

Now, nothing about what he saw was normal.

Kohno kept moving.

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The events of the next 24 hours brought the promise of nuclear power into question, both in Japan and around the world.

Through interviews with dozens of officials, workers and experts, and hundreds of pages of newly released documents, The Associated Press found the early response to the crisis was marked by confusion, inadequate preparation, a lack of forthrightness with the public and a reluctance to make quick decisions. These problems set the tone for the troubled recovery effort since.

On March 11, Prime Minister Naoto Kan was taking a beating in an Upper House committee meeting over whether he had taken campaign money from a foreign national, which is illegal in Japan.

The questioning stopped suddenly when the entire parliament building, a sprawling structure in the center of Tokyo, started to rock. It was 2:46 p.m. All eyes rose to the huge crystal chandeliers above, clinking and shaking violently.

"Everyone, please stay in a safe position," committee chairman Yosuke Tsuruho said, grasping the armrests of his upholstered velvet chair. "Please duck under your desk."

Within four minutes, a crisis headquarters was up and running across the street in the prime minister's office. Kan rushed there as soon as the shaking subsided. At 3:37 p.m. he convened a roundtable of his top advisers.

Soon after the tsunami hit, Kan's task force was deluged by reports of massive damage up and down the coast, aerial photos and video showing entire villages gone.

Kan, who majored in applied physics in college, was among the first whose attention went to the 40-year-old nuclear plant, according to Kenichi Shimomura, a senior aide who was with him. The prime minister demanded an assessment.

The plant's operator was in disarray. Phone calls to the utility, Tokyo Electric Power Co., or TEPCO, went unanswered, and what little information trickled out was conflicting. In those critical first hours, the government was flying blind.

TEPCO President Masataka Shimizu, who was traveling, boarded a military airlift from Nagoya after he heard the news. But the flight was turned around. The Defense Ministry bumped him to free up its planes for the emergency response.

Kan quietly repeated to himself what was by now in the back of everyone's mind: "This is going to be a disaster."

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On that day, Team A, a crew of 13, including a trainee, was overseeing Units 1 and 2 in one control room. In another, a crew of nine was responsible for Units 3 and 4 . The latter, along with Units 5 and 6, was offline for maintenance.

The first news was good.

All three working reactors automatically came to an emergency shutdown when the shaking began. Within one minute, all control rods were inserted properly into the cores, stopping the nuclear reactions.

What came next changed everything.

The first wave hit the plant at 3:27 p.m. At 13 feet, it was easily blocked by the plant's breakwater, which stands 33 feet above sea level.

But the one that struck eight minutes later was off the scale.

It flowed up and over the barrier, washed over a 33-foot (10-meter) water tank and tossed passenger cars this way and that. Watermarks suggest the wave may have been as high as 50 feet (15 meters).

Team A watched, horrified, as the plant deteriorated by the minute. A detailed operator's log, along with a handwritten timeline on the control room whiteboard, showed how quickly the units failed.

"15"37' D/G 1B trip," said a scribbled notation indicating the Unit 1 diesel generator went out. It was 3:37 p.m., just two minutes after the second wave had struck.

Then: "SBO." Station Blackout. The power was out.

Four minutes later, at 3:41 p.m., Unit 2 lost power. Minutes after that, key instrument readings stopped.

In the dark, workers found a main power switchboard had been submerged and a main power line brought down by a mudslide. The basement of the Unit 1 turbine building was filled with water. Two workers would later be found drowned in the basement of another turbine room.

Exactly what was happening inside the reactors remained a mystery. At 3:50 p.m., Team A wrote: "Water levels unknown." If not replenished, the water in the core would boil away and the rods would melt.

Two minutes later, Team A added an even more dire note on Unit 2: "ECCS injection not possible." The emergency core cooling system, the last-ditch backup to keep the core from going dry, was down.

It was an hour after the tsunami, and Team A desperately requested emergency power vehicles. By the time they arrived and were hooked up, it would be too late.

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Outside the control room, about 755 workers, including TEPCO employees and subcontractors, were on the premises.

Yuji Sato was on break in a lounge in a small building about 60 feet (20 meters) from Unit 1, when the quake hit. He had worked all morning on the turbines.

The quake broke the air conditioner and knocked the TV in the lounge off its stand. When the shaking stopped, Sato went outside. Concrete buildings had been heavily damaged, some walls reduced to rubble.

He and about 100 colleagues streamed up the hill behind the reactors. They walked.

"None of us were all that afraid. Japan is a nation of earthquakes. We are used to them," Sato said.

His brother-in-law, pump technician Yuta Tadano, was already up the hill in a second-story office at the time of the quake. A thin young man with pierced ears and long bangs, he worked for subcontractor Tokyo Energy and Systems Inc.

Tadano wanted to go home to check on his wife, Akane, and 4-month-old son, Shoma. His boss said he expected them back at work on Monday. With the utter devastation outside the gate, the normally 20-minute drive home took four hours.

For most of the next two months, no one would be allowed inside the reactor buildings.

Still, dozens of TEPCO workers—later dubbed with some poetic license the "Fukushima 50"—stayed on. Keiichi Kakuta was one. He remained in the plant's radiation-proof Emergency Crisis Headquarters, a big, windowless conference room about 300 yards from the Unit 2 reactor.

Although it meant leaving his family in Tokyo, Kakuta had jumped at the chance for a public affairs job with TEPCO in Fukushima three years ago. He had always admired the company's teamwork and looked forward to a new challenge.

He got the biggest of his life.

By late afternoon, Unit 1 was spiraling out of control, with its power and cooling systems down.

The heat from decaying radioactive elements in the fuel rods was growing. As the core overheated, it burned off its coolant water, exposing the 13-foot (4-meter) rods. In turn, steam from the evaporated water was building up inside the containment chamber.

As the heat and pressure rose, the uranium pellets inside the rods melted through their zirconium casings. When the zirconium reached 2,200 degrees Fahrenheit (1,200 Celsius), it reacted with the water, producing hydrogen.

This was obviously going to get worse before it got better.

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Yukio Edano, the chief Cabinet spokesman, is the face of Japan's government. At 7:45 p.m., his job was to make an unprecedented statement to the nation—but make it sound routine and reassuring.

"We have declared a nuclear emergency," he said from behind a podium in the press conference room at the prime minister's office. "Let me repeat that there is no radiation leak, nor will there be a leak."

He was wrong. Recently released TEPCO documents reveal that radiation was detected at the plant perimeter at 5:30 p.m., but the utility apparently didn't fax those readings to the government until shortly after 9 p.m.

In the meantime, a two-mile (three-kilometer) evacuation zone around the plant was established. That later would become 6 miles (10 kilometers), then 12 (20). In the end, more than 80,000 people would be forced to flee.

Fukushima Dai-ichi's operators, meanwhile, were faced with a twofold response: Vent and flood. Venting to release pressure and prevent an explosion, flooding to keep things cool.

But venting would release radioactivity into the air. And flooding with seawater would ruin the equipment because of the salt.

Around 9 p.m., less than six hours after the tsunami, officials at the prime minister's office started to press TEPCO to vent. TEPCO hesitated.

Fukushima Dai-ichi was the utility's golden goose. Designed primarily by General Electric, it went online in 1971 and had kept the lights shining in Tokyo ever since. Unlike newer facilities, it was paid for, and it was generating profits with each megawatt it produced.

TEPCO knew that venting radioactivity would cast doubt on the safety of the nuclear industry around the nation, and the world. But the options

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Environment

'Like a glove'

By VINCENT DELOS REYES
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Coral Reef Initiative intern Vincent Delos Reyes, right, assists with a reef flat survey of Bird Island Beach.

Hafa Adai, CNMI! My name is Vincent Delos Reyes and I am a student at Northern Marianas College, majoring in Natural Resources Management. I chose to enroll in the NRM program at NMC because of my great interest in our environment and its preservation. Knowing how dedicated I am to my studies and major, my adviser informed me about the internship offered by the Coral Reef Initiative. I immediately realized that this could be a perfect opportunity to gain skills, knowledge, and experience in my field of study. I am now one of the fortunate few who were awarded the internship and I could not be happier and more excited to be a part of a program that will only strengthen my interests in environment/conservation work.

I began my internship on June 6, 2011, and was placed under the supervision of Guy Macaranas, coastal coordinator at the Coastal Resources Management Office. I will be given the opportunity to take part in many great and exciting projects throughout my internship, including planning the Clean Beach Campaign, the making of a public service announcement exclusively for the campaign, and coral reef monitoring throughout Saipan.

I consider the Clean Beach Campaign to be my main project this summer. The Clean Beach Campaign aims to promote and educate the public about the importance of keeping our beaches pure. We will be creating posters with facts on the effects of marine debris and having them displayed at our beaches, schools, and various places throughout the island to achieve that goal. Another outreach project that falls under the campaign is an islandwide beach cleanup. With this project, we will be partnering up with other agencies, such as the Division of Environmental Quality and the Division of Fish and Wildlife, to conduct the 2011 International Coastal Cleanup.

Another task I have been assigned to, and what might be the most fun, is the creation of a public service announcement for the Clean Beach Campaign. I will put together a short video clip promoting the campaign. The clip will likely be aired on television and will also be shown on the CRMO website (www.crm.gov.mp).

Finally, one of the projects I have completed is assisting with a reef flat survey of Bird Island Beach. This project was so fun and exciting and I would do it again. We had to survey and take samples of the algae and invertebrate species. I am very fortunate to take part in such an educational project. It was also my first time to go to Bird Island Beach, so it was truly a great opportunity to take pleasure in what Mother Nature had to offer.

Although I am only four weeks into my internship at CRM, I have already learned so much and my passion for doing work in environmental preservation has been reinforced. I am reminded everyday how important it is to educate our island community about the irreplaceable value of our oceans and beaches, and the consequence we will face if we do not work together to keep them clean. Even a single piece of trash on any one of our beautiful beaches is not only an eyesore but a threat to our marine life. With the help of CRM staff, I will be doing everything possible to encourage the community to help prevent these eyesores, and more importantly eliminate these threats to our marine life.

This internship is my chance to give back to our island's natural environment. It has served as a motivator for me to continue on the path I have set for myself and pursue a career in the Natural Resources Management field. My internship fits me like a glove, and I am appreciative for this opportunity given to me to help me learn about the career I am pursuing.

Preserving our marine life

By EDWARD S. DELA CRUZ JR.
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Preserving our marine life is important to the world. My name is Edward S. Dela Cruz Jr. My summer is being spent interning in law enforcement at the Division of Fish and Wildlife. I'm guided by my mentors, conservation officers John Tagabuel and Jess Omar. I'm attending college at the Northern Marianas College. I joined the CRI [Coral Reef Initiative] internship because I wanted to learn more about our marine life. I wanted to do something over the summer that would help make a difference and learn from it. What better way to learn it than hands-on learning from the guys who protect our marine life?

These fine, brave men enforce the laws established by the government to conserve our marine life. My project in DFW is to learn as much as I can about what these men do and get a hands-on feel. We've done land patrols. Made sure sanctuary sites like Tank Beach and Forbidden Island are clear of poachers. I have gone through boat patrols with them, ensuring no one is fishing in the Managaha sanctuary. At the same time we go through the beaches and conduct surveys on the public whether they know about laws like what fishes to catch and what not to catch; what tools are prohibited for fishing like explosives.

Many people reading this article might be wondering why we have marine protected areas and why they are important to protect. Why must we protect the marine life out there? What affects one affects us all. We cannot live in a world where there are no fishes, no coral, any life at all in the ocean. The ocean supplies us food and oxygen and much more Overharvesting of the fishes will lead them to the point of extinction. It will unbalance the food chain. That's why we have Marine Protected Areas, also known as Sanctuaries for marine life.

People can absolutely not fish in these protect areas. It is like a national park for underwater life. It is a haven for fishes. When people fish there they break the law. That's when DFWs law enforcement guys go in and enforce it. Our marine life has already been damaged across the globe. The ocean can and will heal itself. We just have to give it time. That is why we must follow the laws made to protect them. Our economy depends on it too. When tourists come over they want to dive and see the beautiful marine life we have here. Not a ghost town of dead corals. We must preserve it for future generations. We must help these fine and outstanding young men protect our marine life to have a brighter future. I want my kids to grow up and see our beautiful ocean life. Don't you?

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Coral Reef Initiative intern Edward S. Dela Cruz Jr. conducts a field survey.

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were dwindling.

The outage of primary and backup power—a scenario that exceeded planners' precautions—was severely hampering operations.

The first emergency power vehicle sent by TEPCO got stuck in the chaotic post-tsunami traffic. A backup truck from another power company arrived at 11 p.m., but the cable it brought was too short to hook up.

At 3:05 a.m., Trade and Industry Minister Banri Kaieda trotted out TEPCO executive Akio Komori for a public announcement of the plan to vent the Unit 1 containment vessel. Seven minutes later, Edano took to the podium, this time to warn the public that the action would entail the release of radioactive isotopes. Again, he urged calm.

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For those who knew what was happening, the urgency was mounting. The containment chamber around the core was bulging with pressure twice as high as its maximum operational limit and nearly matching the company's required venting standard.

"We kept telling TEPCO to do it quickly, asking how come it wasn't happening," Edano recalled later.

Nearly four hours after the initial announcement, an exasperated Kaieda ordered TEPCO to vent. It was 6:50 a.m.

Surging radiation forced workers to abort their attempt to open the valves manually. Then they tried to open them remotely and repeatedly failed, probably because of the power outage but possibly also a design flaw. The equipment had never been used in a real-world crisis.

Unit 1 was a ticking time bomb. As the night wore on, the prime minister decided he had to go to Fukushima himself, at first light. His helicopter landed at 7:11 a.m. on March 12. Like everyone else in the entourage, Kan wore a blue-gray work uniform and had a dosimeter hanging around his neck.

His aide, Shimomura, a former TV journalist, was assigned to chronicle the event. He started filming as the group boarded a minibus bound for the emergency crisis headquarters.

It looked normal enough from the outside. Inside, though, was a madhouse. Dozens of workers raced back and forth, trying not to step on about 20 others either slumped to the floor or sleeping in blankets in the hallway.

Shimomura turned off the camera. This scene would not reassure the nation, or the world.

Escorted by TEPCO officials, Kan strode past men so preoccupied or tired that they didn't even acknowledge the presence of their country's leader.

Kan, known for his short temper, fired questions at plant executives and pointed at diagrams of the reactors on a sheet of paper in front of them. He yelled at TEPCO Vice President Sakae Muto and plant chief Masao Yoshida, his onsite escorts, demanding to know why the venting and seawater injection were not happening.

The discussions lasted only half an hour. At 8 a.m., Kan was on his way back to Tokyo.

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By then, TEPCO would later acknowledge, the core at Unit 1 had mostly melted, and units 2 and 3 were not far behind.

At 2:30 p.m., workers burst into applause. Vapor was rising from the Unit 1 stack and containment vessel pressures fell—confirmation that the venting was working. But within half an hour, they ran out of fresh water.

This was what TEPCO had dreaded.

Fukushima Dai-ichi was built right next to the biggest source of water on the planet—the Pacific Ocean. Pumping water out of the ocean is an absolute last resort, however. The reactors would never be usable again.

Yet again, TEPCO officials waffled. At 3:36 p.m., almost 24 hours to the minute after the second tsunami hit, the hydrogen inside Unit 1 combined with oxygen already there and exploded, in a fiery blast that blew off the roof and sent a plume of contaminated smoke and debris into the sky.

The decision to use seawater was unavoidable.

Blasts at units 2, 3 and 4 would follow in the coming days. TEPCO's primary task, and for months or even years, is still to repair the damage from the explosions.

Japan's nuclear nightmare had begun.

Life & Style

ESPN takes over Wimbledon coverage from NBC

By RACHEL COHEN
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No longer will American tennis fans have to search for Wimbledon matches on TV.

All England Club officials achieved their goal of having the entire tournament televised live and by the same company in the U.S. under their new 12-year contract with ESPN. Tuesday's deal ends a 43-year run on NBC.

It had become an annual tradition with Wimbledon—complaints about NBC not showing every match live in all time zones. The network would have started airing the entire tournament live beginning in 2014 under its bid.

"There is no question the sports viewer nowadays wants to see things live," All England Club chief executive Ian Ritchie said on a conference call. "Therefore, as far as we're concerned, undoubtedly one of the advantages with this arrangement was to increase the amount of live coverage of Wimbledon."

ESPN had owned the rights to extensively televise early rounds of Wimbledon since 2003, with NBC picking up coverage as the tournament progressed, culminating with the "Breakfast at Wimbledon" broadcasts of the finals.

NBC had acknowledged Sunday it was losing one of its marquee events, saying in a statement, "while we would have liked to have continued our relationship, we were simply outbid."

Ritchie said organizers didn't want to split the tournament between two companies anymore. NBC's bid would have used Versus, its new cable partner after the Comcast acquisition, to air additional matches once ESPN's old deal expired in two years.

"I think if you have two separate organizations telling the story, inevitably there is a danger of it being confused," Ritchie said. "You want some consistency to it. You want to bring a combined and coherent promotional package to it as well."

Quarterfinal matches will air on ESPN and ESPN2 at the same time so they can all be broadcast live. ESPN3.com will continue to show online additional matches that aren't on TV.

"We're getting dangerously close to 1,000 hours of live tennis during the two weeks," ESPN executive vice president John Skipper said.

Wimbledon is just the latest major sporting event to move from the traditional four over-the-air networks to cable. College football's Bowl Championship Series games are on ESPN, and NCAA basketball's Final Four will be on TBS in alternating years starting in 2016.

"Over the last few years, we have looked to crown champions on ESPN, and this was a unique opportunity when the Club came to us to talk about a single narrative and a single partner," Skipper said.

ESPN runs ABC Sports but does not plan to broadcast live Wimbledon matches on ABC.

Skipper said he wasn't concerned about ratings in the U.S. with the lack of American men atop the rankings right now. The star power of Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer is an attraction, he said, no matter their nationalities.

Ratings for the Wimbledon finals have fluctuated considerably depending on who's playing and how competitive the matches are. Sunday's Djokovic-Nadal men's final on NBC drew a 2.1 overnight rating, up from the 1.9 for Nadal's win over Tomas Berdych in 2010 but well below other matchups in recent years. Overnight ratings measure the percentage of all homes with TVs tuned into a program in the nation's largest markets.

As more people take in sports on devices other than their television sets, Skipper said, the key number will be overall eyeballs, not the TV rating.

"We're pretty confident that more people will watch the final next year," he said. "Whether more people will watch the final next year on television, I'm less confident of."

Celebrated American painter Cy Twombly dies at 83

ROME (AP)—Celebrated American painter Cy Twombly, whose large-scale paintings featuring scribbles, graffiti and references to ancient empires fetched millions at auction, died Tuesday. He was 83.

Twombly, who had cancer, died in Rome, said Eric Mezil, director of the Lambert Collection in Avignon, France, where the artist opened a show in June. Twombly had lived in Italy since 1957.

Twombly

"A great American painter who deeply loved old Europe has just left us," French Culture Minister Frederic Mitterrand said in a statement. "His work was deeply marked by his passion for Greek and Roman antiquity, and its mythology, which for him was a source of bottomless inspiration."

Twombly was known for his abstract works combining painting and drawing techniques, repetitive lines, scribbles and the use of words and graffiti. He is often linked to the legendary American artists Jasper Johns and Robert Rauschenberg, whom he met as a student in New York in the early 1950s.

"Whether it's making sculpture or working across canvas or making small drawings with quite elaborate and detailed elements in them, you have this very strong sense of the physical presence of these paintings and sculptures, and you have the sense of an artist at work," the Tate's director Nicholas Serota said in an in-house interview ahead of a 2008 show of his work.

Though recognition came late for his work—and he was often overshadowed by the famous company he kept, like Johns and Rauschenberg—Twombly was asked to paint a ceiling of the Louvre museum in Paris in 2010, the first artist given the honor since Georges Braque in the 1950s.

For that work he chose something simple: a deep blue background punctuated with floating disks and emblazoned with the names of sculptors from ancient Greece, apt for a gallery of bronzes.

"I got into something new in old age," he said of his choice of color, which was unusual.

The Lexington, Virginia-born artist said he was inspired by the colors he found in a Chinese print as well the blue of early Italian Renaissance artist Giotto, who used paint made from lapis lazuli.

"I was just thinking of the blue with the disks on it, it's totally abstract. ... It's that simple," Twombly told The Associated Press at the time.

Simple or not, his work fetched millions at auction: An untitled Twombly painting set an auction record for the artist at a 2002 Sotheby's sale, fetching euro5.6 million. Before that, a 1990 Christie's auction set a record for Twombly, with his 1971 untitled blackboard painting going for $5.5 million.

His canvases also ignited the passions of his followers. In 2007, a woman was arrested in France for kissing an all-white canvas he painted, worth about $2 million. Restorers had trouble getting the lipstick off, and she was ordered to pay hundreds of dollars to the owner and the gallery—and $1.50 to the artist himself.

Born Edwin Parker Twombly in 1928, the artist got his nickname from his father, who was a baseball player for the Chicago White Sox and had been called Cy after another famous slugger, "Cyclone" Young. Eventually Twombly Jr. got the same nickname.

Between 1942-46, he studied modern European art under Pierre Daura, a Spanish artist who was living in his hometown of Lexington, according to a catalog for a 2009 Twombly exhibit in Rome organized by the Tate Modern and Rome's National Museum of Modern Art.

In 1950, he won a scholarship to the Art Students League in New York, where he was exposed to the works of Rothko, Pollock and others. There he met Rauschenburg, a few years his senior but also a student at the League. On Rauschenburg's advice, Twombly enrolled at Black Mountain College in North Carolina, the experimental school whose alumni are a Who's Who of contemporary arts.

He opened his first solo exhibit at the Seven Stairs Gallery in Chicago in 1951 and a year later sailed from New York with Rauschenburg for his first trip to Europe—which would eventually become his home—and North Africa, the catalog said.

In 1954, he was drafted and trained as a cryptographer in the U.S. Army. While serving, he would draw in the dark—following a Surrealist technique—and the practice was later evident in his work.

Three years later he moved to Rome and never really left. Later in life, he spent more time in the seaside town of Gaeta south of the Eternal City.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt seeks tiny stories for series

NEW YORK (AP)—Actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt is thinking really small.

It Books is collaborating with Gordon-Levitt's online production company hitRECord on "The Tiny Book of Tiny Stories." It Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishing, announced Tuesday that a series of books are planned, featuring very brief stories and illustrations submitted by the public. The first volume is scheduled for December and potential contributors can make submissions to http://hitrecord.org. Royalties will be paid for published work, but no advances.

Gordon-Levitt is known for such films as "Inception" and for the sitcom "Third Rock from the Sun."

Police: Picasso drawing stolen from SF gallery

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Police are on the hunt for a man who walked into a San Francisco art gallery, grabbed a valuable pencil drawing by Pablo Picasso off the wall and fled in a waiting taxicab.

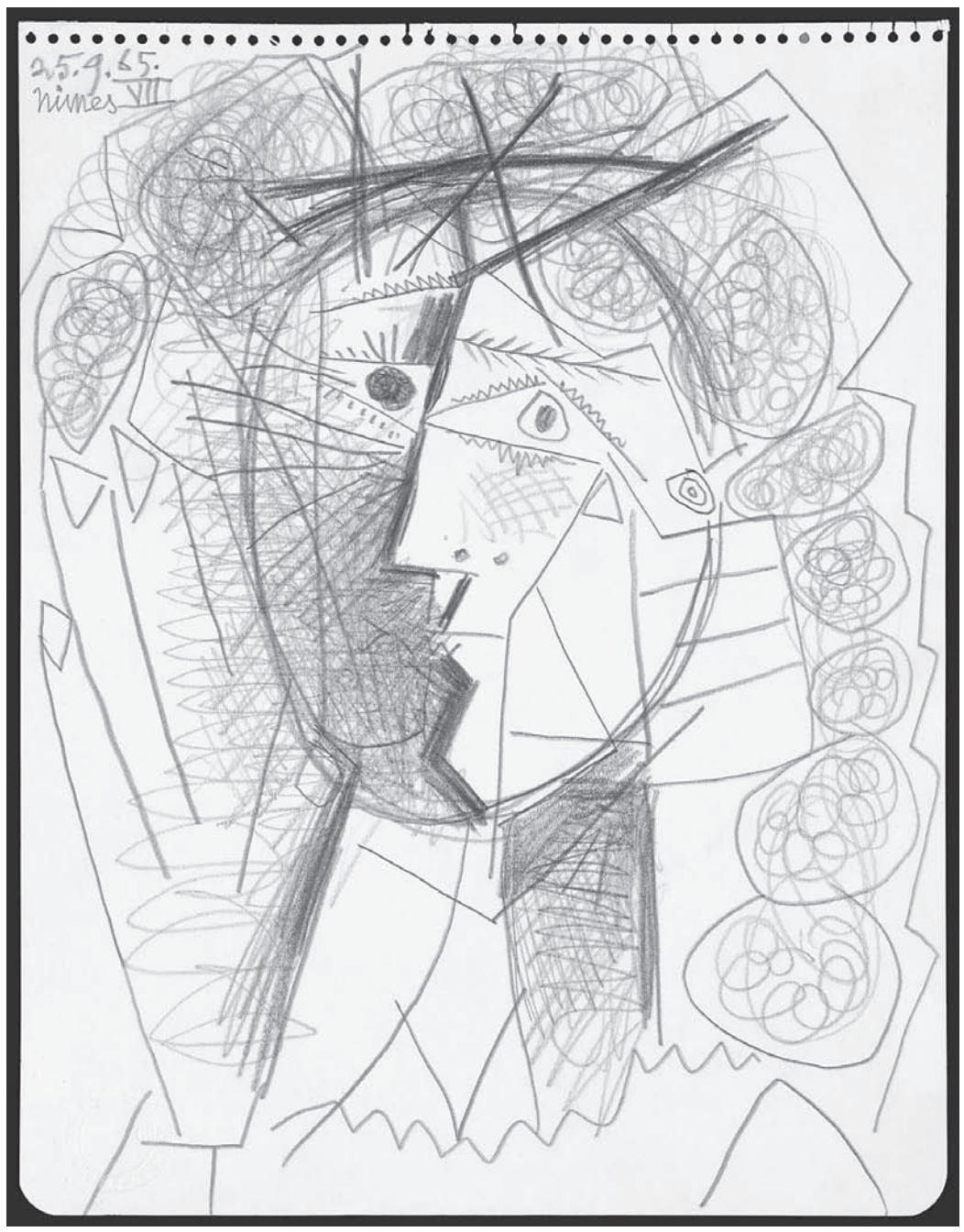
Police on Tuesday said the drawing, worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, was taken from the Weinstein Gallery near Union Square.

The gallery says Picasso created the one-of-a-kind drawing titled "Tete de Femme" in 1965.

Officer Albie Esparza told the San Francisco Chronicle that police hope a member of the public might recognize the piece if someone attempts to sell it.

Other artists whose works are still on display at the gallery include Marc Chagall, Salvador Dali and Joan Miro.

Police described the suspect as a man in his 30s wearing loafers and dark glasses.



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This undated photo provided by the Weinstein Gallery in San Francisco shows Pablo Picasso's "Tete de Femme."

Billie Jean King on new knees and boomer fitness

NEW YORK (AP)—Billie Jean King is back playing tennis in Central Park with gusto after double-knee replacement surgery. At age 67, she is encouraging all ages, especially baby boomers, to exercise and stay fit.

She also says it is OK to forgive yourself if you cannot match the workouts you did when you were young.

King, who inspired a generation of women and men to pick up a racket in the 1970s, did not play tennis for nearly two years before getting new knees. She needed about a year of rehabilitation, working out for 2½ hours, five days a week to regain the strength and range of motion to get back on the court.

When the pain was intense, she imagined "a bright, sunny day in my head. And I pictured hitting the first tennis ball again."

AP

This photo released by Smith & Nephew shows tennis great Billie Jean King in San Diego, Calif.

King realized that goal last year at Wimbledon, four months after surgery. She sneaked onto Court 16 and hit a few shots with friend Roz Fairbank while her partner Ilana Kloss snapped pictures.

This year, King celebrates the 50th anniversary of her first Wimbledon doubles victory. She went on to win a record 20 Wimbledon titles in singles, doubles and mixed, and on Monday, she was photographed at Wimbledon sitting in the Royal Box behind Prince William and his wife, Kate.

To stay in shape these days, the 39-time Grand Slam winner heads to the neighborhood gym and public tennis courts. She does not use a personal trainer because she travels so much, hitting the hotel gym instead. She recently traveled in a two-week span to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, back to New York, then to Washington, D.C., while promoting her World Team Tennis league, which features Serena and Venus Williams, 52-year-old John McEnroe and other stars in nine cities from July 4-24.

Here King shares her insights on working out, the proper mental approach and diet. Her advice for boomers? Increase the frequency, lower the intensity and listen to your body.

AP: What is your exercise routine?

King: "My age group should do a half-hour, five days a week. What that means is I'm walking, doing the bike, lifting weights or playing tennis. I love it when Ilana and I go to Central Park and play tennis. It's fantastic. I go to Equinox to do lower and upper body stuff. Do a lot for my back; I need to be doing a lot for my core. I do the leg presses, the leg curls, abductor and adductor. I have a bike at home, so, worse comes to worst, that's my backup. I'll turn on the TV and pedal."

AP: This was your eighth knee surgery. What was life like before the double-knee replacement?

King: "I got to the point I couldn't even walk two blocks. I had my first operation at 23 when I was No. 1 in the world, and it's been downhill ever since in terms of function. I used to take a taxi (two blocks) to get to my workout. My life was closing in on me. It kept getting less and less, and then it was really getting disheartening. Now I'm pain-free, if I want to play tennis or take a walk in the park. I'm going through this mindset change now. It's amazing. My first knee-jerk reaction is, 'Oh, I can't — oh, yes I can do that.' I can go up and down stairs. I wouldn't be able to do that a year ago."

AP: How has your thinking and approach to fitness and exercise changed over the years?

King: "The most important thing is frequency. You don't have to do as much as you think. Like walking 30 minutes, five times a week is good. I would never increase more than 10 percent at a time. People will do 20 minutes on the bike and the next day they'll do 40. Nah-uh. If you're out of shape, don't do that. Figure out ways to keep your motivation. On days I'm not motivated, I will say, 'OK, just get on the bike or walk for 5 minutes, and if you want to stop, fine.' I give myself permission. I've only once in my whole lifetime stopped, when I realized I was sick. Every other time I end up doing at least 25-30 minutes. So then it's done for the day, it's great. I would go without exercising if I wasn't careful."

AP: What are your eating habits like these days?

King: "I try to cut down on carbs. I'm older, my metabolic rate probably is not as fast. I figure I'm burning three calories a minute on the bike. I'm not as intense as I used to be, so that makes a difference. It suppresses your appetite to go slowly on the bike or walk and go longer. I was playing senior tennis (after retirement) for a while but then I gained a huge amount of weight. Then I went on Nutrisystem; that really helped me lose. I lost 35 pounds. Then I got too thin with the knee stuff, and now I'm a little overweight. So it's hard for me to get to where I want to all the time. I struggle."

AP: You were a bit of a perfectionist on the court. Do you forgive yourself for the limitations of age or stress about it?

King: "It's a blessing for me to walk on the court. Then I go 'OK, I just want to hit one ball that feels like it used to.' You just make smaller goals, you make different goals. Coming back from this knee replacement, I had to really think in degrees, literally (in terms of knee bend). It's important to play more tennis, but play half an hour to 45 minutes instead of trying to play an hour and half. Instead of doing marathons, do a 10K. Listen to your body, what's going on with your joints, your muscles. I know boomers are into fitness, and taking good care of themselves. And now they're at the age they still want to be active. (They say) 'I want to still play tennis and do this and keep running.' They're pretty demanding. Which is good, because that's why we're living as long as we are."

AP: What's your role as a member of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition?

King: "It's amazing being on this council. There's Michelle Kwan, Grant Hill, Chris Paul and doctors. Our job is to get the word out. You can't believe the findings with exercise and taking tests at school or reading or math tests. They go way up. If they're going to take an SAT, they have the kids work out for 20 minutes and they take it immediately because the circulation is going, the brain's got more oxygen. They do much better on tests. Now we have the scientific stuff behind it. I knew it before, because I knew how I felt. But now we have the scientific stuff to back it up."

Madonna desperately seeking Oscar?

By RAFER GUZMAN
NEWSDAY

NEW YORK—How seriously are we supposed to take Madonna as a film director?

Possibly, very seriously indeed. Her new film, enigmatically titled "W.E.," has been scheduled for release Dec. 9 by The Weinstein Company, placing it squarely in the middle of Oscar-contender season.

Brothers Bob and Harvey Weinstein have a long history, and a good track record, of pushing Oscar-winning or Oscar-nominated films in December. To name a few: "Shakespeare in Love" (which won seven Academy Awards), "The Reader" (Kate Winslet, best actress), "A Single Man" (best actor nominee Colin Firth), "The Fighter" (supporting actor awards for Christian Bale and Melissa Leo) and, of course, "The King's Speech" (four Oscars, including best picture). The Weinsteins are often credited with inventing the Oscar campaign as we now know it.

What's more, Madonna's film doesn't appear to be a vanity project, like her abysmally reviewed 2008 directorial debut, "Filth and Wisdom," which starred her friend Eugene Hutz of the band Gogol Bordello. Rather, "W.E." appears to be a serious historical drama. It spans 60 years, contrasting a contemporary love story with the scandalous relationship between King Edward VIII and American divorcee Wallis Simpson (that relationship also figured into "The King's Speech"). Madonna's fairly impressive cast includes Abbie Cornish, Laurence Fox ("Gosford Park") and Oscar Isaac ("Robin Hood").

"I'm incredibly excited about this movie, and I wanted to give it a prominent release date," Harvey Weinstein, co-chairman of TWC, said in a statement. He's so excited he apparently forgot about "Filth and Wisdom," calling Madonna's new movie "a stunning feature directorial debut."

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Director Michael Bay returns to wreak more robotic mayhem in this third entry of the Transformers franchise. Penning the further adventures of the Autobots and Decepticons is Ehren Kruger, who co-wrote the second installment, along with Star Trek's Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci.
Monte Carlo
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Selena Gomez, Leighton Meester
Comedy • Rated PG
Larry Crowne
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Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts
Comedy drama • Rated PG 13
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Fri thru Sun 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:35
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Owen Wilson, John Turturro
Children's/family • Rated PG
Synopsis
Ratatouille producer Brad Lewis steps into the director's chair for this sequel that follows race-tack legend Lightning McQueen and his trusty sidekick, Mater, as they secure their passports and prepare to take part in the biggest and fastest race on the planet.
Bad Teacher
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Action • Rated PG 13
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Charlie Sheen next roastee for Comedy Central

NEW YORK (AP)—There should be no shortage of material.

Comedy Central said Tuesday that Charlie Sheen has agreed to be the subject of its next celebrity roast. It will be taped in Los Angeles and air on Sept. 19.

That also happens to be the same night that Ashton Kutcher debuts as Sheen's replacement in the CBS comedy "Two and a Half Men." Sheen was thrown off the show after his hard partying forced a production shutdown.

The two programs won't compete directly. The Comedy Central roast is scheduled for 10 p.m., an hour after "Two and a Half Men."

Sheen says: "You could say I've been providing kindling for this roast for a while. It's time to light it up. It's going to be epic."

'Captain America' keeps full name in most of world

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Captain America will keep its patriotic full title in most of the world when the superhero adventure hits the big-screen.

Paramount Pictures and Marvel Studios gave distributors around the world the option of shortening the title of "Captain America: The First Avenger" to simply "The First Avenger," out of concern about anti-American sentiment.

But the only countries that took them up on it were Russia, Ukraine and South Korea.

In other territories, the movie will go out with the full title, a sign that the brand value of the Marvel Comics hero trumps any potential anti-U.S. feelings in some parts of the world.

Movie titles often are changed in foreign countries for cultural reasons or because the original names don't translate well. In French-speaking countries, "The Hangover" and its sequel were titled "Very Bad Trip."

Starring Chris Evans as the patriotic super-soldier, "Captain America" opens in U.S. theaters July 22.

AP

In this film publicity image released by Paramount Pictures, Chris Evans is shown in a scene from the film "Captain America: The First Avenger."

Singer's voice problems cancel Duran Duran tour

LONDON (AP)—Veteran New Romantic band Duran Duran has called off its summer tour because frontman Simon Le Bon is recovering from voice problems.

The European tour had been due to start in Dublin next week and continue through mid-September.

Le Bon said Tuesday he had damaged muscles controlling his vocal cords, leaving him unable to hit top notes, and had been advised to undergo physical therapy.

He said it was unclear how long he would take to recover. But he added: "I am doing everything I can to work through this and get back on track as soon as possible."

Duran Duran became superstars in the 1980s with hits including "Wild Boys" and "Rio."

The band's latest album is the Mark Ronson-produced "All You Need is Now."

AP

From left, John Taylor, Simon Le Bon, Nick Rhodes and Roger Taylor of Duran Duran pose for photographs at the 64th international film festival, in Cannes, southern France, Friday, May 13, 2011.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Rapture predictor recovering in nursing home

OAKLAND, California (AP)—The California radio preacher who predicted the apocalypse on May 21 has been moved to a nursing home, where he is recovering from a stroke he suffered last month. Harold Camping's daughter confirms her father recently moved from an area hospital to a skilled nursing facility. He is undergoing rehabilitation there to regain his strength following the June 9 stroke. Camping's Family Radio network is working to replace the 89-year-old's show, Open Forum, with interim programming. The station has been playing repeats since his stroke. It's unclear if the show will return. Camping predicted Judgment Day would occur, first in 1994 and again in May. His media empire spent millions of dollars, some culled from followers' donations, over seven years on billboards and other publicity for his 2011 predictions about the spiritual Rapture in May and the end of the world in October.

Rocker Rick Springfield pleads not guilty to DUI

MALIBU, California (AP)—Prosecutors say an attorney for rocker Rick Springfield has entered a not guilty plea on the rocker's behalf in a drunken driving case. Los Angeles County district attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons says Philip Cohen entered the plea during a hearing Tuesday in Malibu. The "Jessie's Girl" singer did not attend the arraignment in the misdemeanor case. Springfield was arrested May 1 by a sheriff's deputy who stopped him for allegedly speeding in his 1963 Corvette on Pacific Coast Highway. The sheriff's department said Springfield's blood alcohol content was 0.10 percent. That's over the 0.08 percent limit in which a person is presumed to be too drunk to drive.

Domestic violence charge dropped against Lohan dad

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Prosecutors have dropped a misdemeanor domestic violence charge against Lindsay Lohan's father after his ex-girlfriend failed to show up at trial. District attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said Tuesday the office will no longer pursue the case against Michael Lohan after his ex, Kate Major, could not be located. The elder Lohan was arrested in March and has pleaded not guilty to misdemeanor domestic violence battery. A trial was scheduled to begin Tuesday, but Gibbons said it could not proceed without Major's cooperation. Michael Lohan's attorney, Dana Cole, says he worked out an agreement with Major so she wouldn't testify. Cole says Major wasn't paid anything, and she declined to cooperate because she did not want a court spectacle.

Lady Antebellum's Hillary Scott is engaged

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Lady Antebellum's Hillary Scott is engaged. The 25-year-old singer's boyfriend, Chris Tyrell, popped the question over the Fourth of July weekend at a family getaway in East Tennessee. Scott and the 24-year-old drummer met while touring with Tim McGraw in early 2010. People first reported the engagement Tuesday. Scott is the second member of Lady A to end her single ways. Charles Kelley is married, leaving Dave Haywood as the lone available member of the Grammy-winning trio. Lady A turned in the top-selling country album of 2010 with "Need You Now" and is preparing to release its follow-up, "Just a Kiss," due out Sept. 13.

Wedding production begins with orchestrated proposal

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: Has the marriage proposal become an invited ceremony like the wedding, or am I out of touch?

A few months ago friends and family were invited to a beach near Seattle for the proposal. Our grandson and his live-in went for a short seaplane ride. The plane returned, beached and the couple got out. Then, surrounded by the throng on the sand—and videotaped—grandson proposed on bended knee and she, of course, accepted.

Because we did not attend, my daughter is still not speaking to us. The young couple will fly to Maui in a few months for the wedding. We are among the invited, but the trip is too much for us. Your comments, please.

BAFFLED IN BRUNSWICK, MAINE

DEAR BAFFLED: I have heard of brides getting carried away and turning their wedding ceremony into the equivalent of a stage production, but this is the first time I have heard about a mother of the groom issuing a command performance for the proposal. Heaven only knows what she's planning for the birth of their first child.

DEAR ABBY: I am with a man who treats me and my kids great. He is kind, caring and very generous. I trust him. However, I have been in a couple of bad relationships. For some reason, I'm drawn to "bad" boys. I'm not sure if I really love this man because there is no "spark." None!

Should I stay with someone who is a really great person and treats me good—but there is no passion— and learn to live with it, or do I end the relationship?

NOT SURE WHAT TO DO IN CANADA

DEAR NOT SURE: You might as well end the relationship now because sooner or later you will become bored and it will end anyway. The man you're seeing deserves to have someone who fully appreciates what he has to offer, which you seem unable to do. Continue dating "bad boys" until you finally stop confusing anxiety and disappointment with excitement. You appear to be one of those women who has to learn what's important through pain. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: My husband (second marriage) keeps in touch with his ex-wife. At one point, it was several times a day. I expressed my concerns to him and told him I didn't like it and saw no need for it. It stopped—but only for a while. I know, because I check his call and text log.

I know I shouldn't do that, but recently I found some text messages saying, "Sorry I haven't called you." That's not what's bothering me, though. It's how they signed off. She writes, "Love you," and he writes, "Love you mostest!"

Abby, that's what he says to me. How do I talk to him about this? I snooped.

SNOOPED ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR SNOOPED: I don't blame you for feeling hurt and threatened by this. Almost any woman would. When he's in a relaxed mood and you can talk without interruption, ask him if he is still in love with his ex-wife. If he says no, ask why he feels the need to remain in communication with her and why he's telling her he loves her "mostest." Expect him to go on the attack because you snooped. But you wouldn't have done it if your intuition hadn't made you feel insecure. And it turns out you were right.

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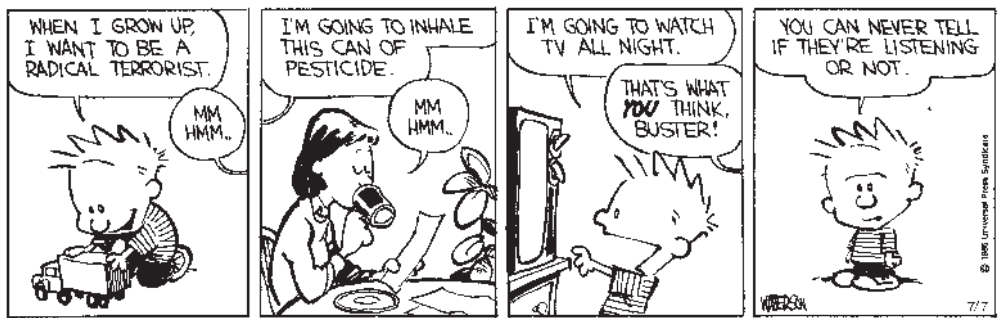
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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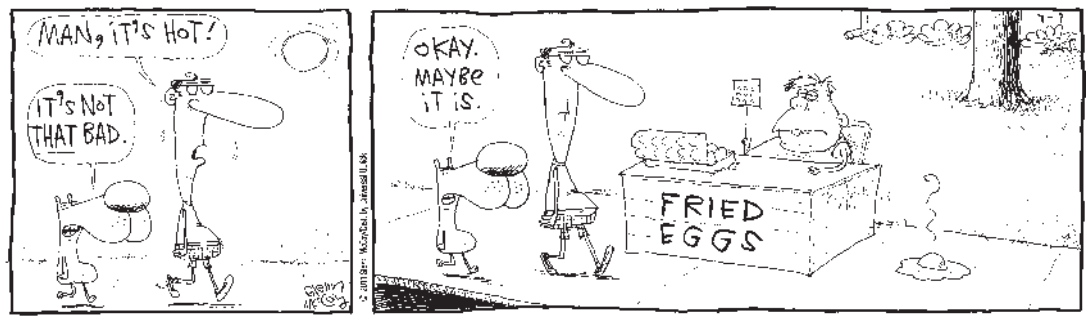

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21 Cry
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23 Pirates' potation
27 Deity
29 Ornamen-tal dogbane
30 Responsi-bility
31 Holly-wood clashers
33 Drop
35 Sherman called it "hell"
38 Noon, in a way
40 Adulterate
43 Cut smaller boards
45 Piece of wordplay
46 Graceful bird
47 Toll road, for short
48 Adams or Falco
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53 Bygone TV channel
54 Flightless bird
55 Plagiarize

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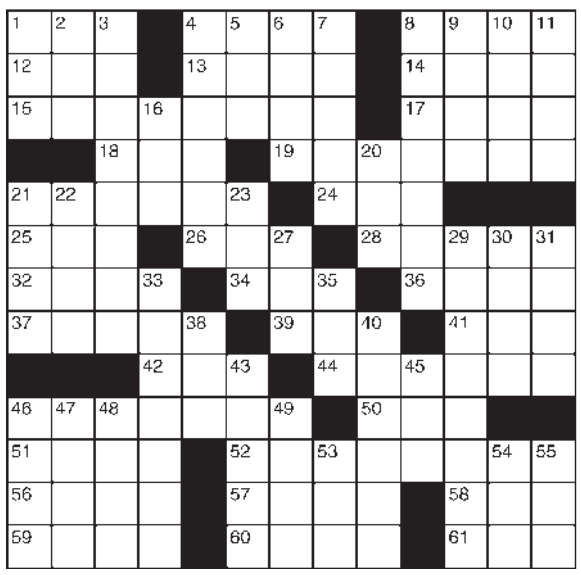

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Emotional ups and downs can be expected. Keep situations and partnerships as equal as possible. Your eagerness to please someone may work against you. A move or desire to make changes will not turn out as planned. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Getting out, visiting new places or taking time to indulge yourself will help contribute to your emotional well-being. Consider inviting along someone with whom you enjoy spending time. Love and romance are enhanced. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Check out the fun things you can do. Consider activities that will challenge you and allow you to interact with others. The people you meet now will play an intricate role in your future. Change is upon you. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't let negative influences drag you down. A change at work or to your status may leave you in an emotional funk, but if you look at the big picture, the change will turn out to be to your benefit. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Travel and expand your interests and knowledge. A change will end up being to your advantage. Communication will be your strong point and will help you at interviews or when trying to market an idea or service. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't get angry; get moving. Someone is likely to give you a hard time if you try to make last-minute changes. Don't let problems at home influence your productivity or a decision you must make. ✪✪✪

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SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Put some creative thought behind your living arrangements and you'll come up with a way to make things more to your liking. Love is on the rise, and someone who shares your likes and dislikes will work alongside you until you get things exactly the way you like them to be in your personal life. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Stick close to home and protect your assets from anyone who may be in a position to do damage or take advantage of you. Dealing with an institution or agency will be restrictive and cause emotional upset. ✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Contador shows strength in Tour's Stage 4

MUR-DE-BRETAGNE, France (AP)—Make no mistake, Alberto Contador is back on the prowl.

After a dismal start to the Tour de France, the three-time champion showed some of his old dominance Tuesday at cycling's premier event. He gained seconds on his likely rivals by placing second to Stage 4 winner Cadel Evans in a two-man photo finish.

Norway's Thor Hushovd, a sprint specialist, barely kept the yellow jersey in the 107-mile leg from Lorient to Mur-de-Bretagne. He even surprised himself by keeping up with Evans and Contador on a steep, if short, climb to the finish.

The stage in mostly flat Brittany underscored two aspects of the three-week race so far: Evans has been nearly flawless; Contador can never be ruled out.

The finish was so close that Contador raised a fist to celebrate what he believed was his victory. Then a black-and-white photo showed the Spaniard's tire was a fraction of an inch behind.

"Contador again proving himself. He was up there and riding well," Evans said. "He's never a guy you can underestimate."

"I still can't quite believe it. ... It was a very close final. I didn't even know if I had it on the line myself," Evans added. "To win in front of Alberto Contador is really a nice present."

Contador showed that even on a short climb—long before the punishing Alps and Pyrenees ascents arrive—he can gain on key riders: Bradley Wiggins of Britain was six seconds back; Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, runner-up in 2009 and 2010, was eight seconds behind.

AP

Three-time Tour de France winner Alberto Contador of Spain raises his arm as he looks at Cadel Evans of Australia, unseen, as he crosses the finish line of the fourth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 172.5 kilometers (107.2 miles) starting in Lorient and finishing in Mur de Bretagne, Brittany, western France, Tuesday July 5, 2011.

"I never thought that he was out of the race," Andy Schleck. "He just had bad luck the first day and his team wasn't suited for the time trial."

Hushovd, who is ahead of Evans by a second, isn't expected to fare well in the mountain stages that could determine the winner.

"My only goal today was to keep the yellow jersey," said Hushovd, of Garmin-Cervelo. "I had a great day. ... I will do all I can to defend this jersey as long as possible."

Wiggins is sixth overall, 10 seconds back, while Schleck is ninth, 12 seconds back. Americans Chris Horner and Levi Leipheimer are 18 seconds behind—14th and 15th.

Contador remains 1:42 behind Hushovd in 41st place after two difficult opening days—stalled by a crash Saturday, then losing time with his Saxo Bank squad in the team time trial Sunday.

By contrast, this has been a nearly impeccable Tour for Evans. He was runner-up to stage winner Philippe Gilbert on opening day, and his BMC team was second in the team time trial a day later. Unlike Contador and Schleck, Evans also has avoided crashes.

Contador, frustrated over a lack of "luck" in recent days, said he was out to test his competition even if this stage wasn't crucial.

"I wanted to see how my rivals were, to see if I could take some time off them," Contador said. "Getting the stage win, when I was so close, would have been a great joy."

"The stage shows that Alberto is ready for the Tour, which we have known from the start of the race," said Bjarne Riis, Contador's Saxo Bank team manager. "There's a huge difference from climbing a slope like this and climbing Galibier or Alpe d'Huez. You can't count on seeing the same riders finish like this on the big mountains."

The Spaniard is racing under a cloud of suspicion after testing positive during last year's Tour for the banned muscle builder clenbuterol. He's been allowed to ride because sport's arbitration body hasn't ruled on his case yet.

Some fans have booed Contador, and he's been on the defensive. He insists his psychological state is solid and he's not distracted by speculation that yet another cycling great might be involved in doping.

Riders set off under rain in the coastal city of Lorient, whose name is derived from the 17th century shipyards and port for trading ships that hauled spices, teas, silk, porcelain and other goods from Asia, or "The Orient."

It seemed as if the whole pack began in rain jackets, gradually peeling them off as skies dried up along the weaving course.

Jurgen Van de Walle of Belgium became the first rider to pull out of the race—reducing the field to 197 racers. The Omega Pharma-Lotto rider quit because of lingering groin pain from a crash Saturday, the team said.

Five riders who were low in the standings sped ahead of the pack by the 5.5-mile mark, and built a lead of nearly five minutes on the main bunch over the next 10 miles.

But as is common in flat rides, when the pack accelerates behind constantly changing front men who cut into the wind, the peloton tracked down and overtook the increasingly tired escapees with about 2 1/2 miles left.

That set the stage for the leaders to break out alone to scale the Mur-de-Bretagne, which features a super-steep patch known by some as the "Alpe d'Huez of Brittany" after the famous peak in the French Alps.

"This was a short, steep climb—not a mountain pass," Contador said. "Cadel Evans is showing a lot of strength, but even if Andy or others lost a few seconds, it doesn't mean they're not in shape."

Woods to skip British Open as leg recovers

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Those "minor" injuries to his left leg now have kept Tiger Woods from playing in two majors.

In an announcement on his website Tuesday that came as no surprise, Woods said he would skip the British Open next week because his injuries have not fully healed.

"Unfortunately, I've been advised that I should not play in the British Open," Woods said. "As I stated at the AT&T National, I am only going to come back when I'm 100 percent ready. I do not want to risk further injury. That's different for me, but I'm being smarter this time.

"I'm very disappointed and want to express my regrets to the British Open fans."

It will be the second time in the last four years that Woods has missed two majors in one season. He did not play the British Open and PGA Championship in 2008 while recovering from reconstructive surgery on his left knee. These injuries are not as easy to describe.

Woods said in May that he suffered "minor injuries" to knee ligaments and his Achilles while hitting from an awkward stance in the pine straw on the 17th hole in the third round at the Masters. Afterward, he skipped the Wells Fargo Championship and withdrew after nine holes from The Players Championship a week later.

Woods said last week it was a mistake to go to The Players, and that had he waited, he would be playing golf right now.

"In hindsight, I probably shouldn't have competed at The Players, but it's a big event, and I wanted to be there to support the tour," he said. "I've got to learn from what I did there and do it right this time and not come back until I'm ready."

Woods didn't say whether he expected to play in the final major, the PGA Championship, which starts Aug. 11 at the Atlanta Athletic Club. As he mentioned last week at Aronimink, he doesn't have any idea when he will compete next. He said he has not hit golf balls since May 12 at the TPC Sawgrass.

Woods also indicated at Aronimink that his chances of playing the British Open were remote—taking some of the surprise out of Tuesday's announcement.

"I wouldn't go over there just to show up," he said. "I'd go over there to win the golf tournament, so I need to obviously get my body ready so I can practice and eventually play." Woods was replaced at Royal St. George's by Jason Dufner, who said on Twitter, "Looks like I am getting in the open championship, I am excited!"

Brendan Jones was the next alternate, but the Australian told the Royal & Ancient he would not be able to play because his wife is expecting their first child.

"It's unfortunate for the game of golf and it's more unfortunate for him," three-time major champion Padraig Harrington said. "He still is the name we would look out for the most. It's not that we want him to turn up and win, but it would be nice to have him there and bring the buzz he does. Let's just hope it's not that bad—it's a long time for that injury—and that he fully recovers."

Woods called R&A chief executive Peter Dawson to personally tell him he would not be playing.

"I know how disappointed Tiger is not to be able to play in the Open this year," Dawson said. "Naturally, we are sorry that a player of his caliber isn't able to join us at Royal St. George's, but we wish him well in his recovery and hope to see him back soon, competing in front of the fans that love to see him play the game."

Woods tied for fourth in the 2003 British Open at Royal St. George's, where he started with a two-shot penalty when he couldn't find his opening tee shot in the rough. He wound up two shots behind Ben Curtis.

AP

Tiger Woods at the AT&T National golf tournament at the Aronimink Golf Club in this Tuesday, June 28, 2011 file photo, in Newtown Square, Pa.

Woods has slipped to No. 17 in the world, and is likely to be out of the top 20 after the British Open. He also is No. 116 in the FedEx Cup standings on the PGA Tour, and only the top 125 qualify for the playoffs. If he doesn't return for the PGA Championship, he wouldn't be eligible for any PGA Tour events until October.

Asked last week if he would be surprised he didn't play another tournament the rest of the year, Woods said, "I'd be very surprised, because I'm progressing."

But he's not making enough progress to play in the tournaments that mean the most to him. Woods remains on 14 career majors, four short of matching the record set by Jack Nicklaus.

Sabathia steers Yankees past Indians

CLEVELAND (AP)—New York's C.C. Sabathia struck out 11 in seven scoreless innings, guiding the Yankees to a 9-2 win over the Cleveland Indians in Tuesday's clash of American League divisional leaders.

Sabathia (12-4) overpowered his old team. Despite leading the league in wins and going 9-1 in his past 10 starts, Sabathia was curiosly left off the AL roster for the All-Star game.

Curtis Granderson hit a two-run homer in the second inning and a solo shot in the fourth off Carlos Carrasco (8-5), who lasted just four innings. Granderson has 25 homers this season.

Derek Jeter went 2 for 6 with a two-run double and has 2,996 hits; four shy of becoming the 28th major leaguer and first Yankee to reach 3,000.

Indians All-Star shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera left in the fourth with a sprained right ankle. The team said he is day to day.

AP

New York Yankees starter CC Sabathia pitches against the Cleveland Indians in the second inning in a baseball game, Tuesday, July 5, 2011, in Cleveland.

Red Sox 3, Blue Jays 2

In Boston, Darnell McDonald threw out Edwin Encarnacion at the plate for the final out, giving Boston victory over Toronto.

Trailing 3-0, Toronto's Jose Bautista hit a two-run homer with nobody out in the ninth to make it a one-run game. It was his 28th homer of the season.

A single by Encarnacion and a walk to J.P. Arencibia put runners at first and second with two outs. John McDonald then looped a single to short left field, Darnell McDonald charged in and, on the run, fired the ball to catcher Jason Varitek, who blocked the plate with his left leg and tagged Encarnacion to end it.

Boston closer Jonathan Papelbon got his 18th save in 19 chances, while Matt Albers (3-3) worked two scoreless innings for the win.

Blue Jays starter Brett Cecil (1-4) went all the way, giving up two runs in the second on an RBI double by Varitek and a run-scoring single by J.D. Drew. Dustin Pedroia homered in the third for the Red Sox.

Twins 3, Rays 2

In Minneapolis, Scott Baker had another impressive start cut short by injury as Minnesota edged Tampa Bay.

before Glen Perkins bailed out struggling closer Matt Capps in the ninth inning again to help Minnesota Twins hang on against Tampa Bay.

Baker (7-5) gave up one unearned run with three strikeouts before leaving after five innings with a right elbow strain.

In the ninth inning, Twins closer Matt Capps gave up a homer, then a base hit, then walked a batter with two outs and he was swiftly removed. Glen Perkins came in and got the ground out to end the game, and take his second save in three nights, both after Capps couldn't finish.

Ben Revere scored twice and Michael Cuddyer added two RBIs for the Twins.

Rays starter James Shields (8-6) gave up three runs in six innings.

Rangers 4, Orioles 2

In Arlington, Texas, Elvis Andrus hustled home with the go-ahead run in the seventh, the same inning that he made two spectacular defensive plays that helped Texas down Baltimore.

When Josh Hamilton singled to score Yorvit Torrealba in the seventh, Andrus ran from first to third ahead of the throw which ricocheted off him toward the Baltimore dugout. Andrus scrambled to his feet and ran home to put Texas up 3-2.

Rangers reliever Tommy Hunter (1-0) worked an inning to take the win. Neftali Feliz pitched a perfect ninth for his 17th save in 21 chances.

Orioles stater Jim Johnson (5-2) gave up three runs in the seventh.

Royals 5, White Sox 3

In Chicago, Felipe Paulino struck out nine in six innings for his first victory in more than a year as Kansas City defeated Chicago.

Paulino (1-2) was acquired from Colorado on May 26 after starting the season 0-5. He allowed three runs while throwing 120 pitches.

Alcides Escobar hit a two-run triple and Matt Treanor had a tiebreaking single for the Royals, who beat White Sox starter Jake Peavy (4-2).

The White Sox had runners on first and second in the ninth, but Alexei Ramirez hit into a fielder's choice to end the game.

Angels 1, Tigers 0

In Anaheim, Calif., Justin Verlander knew his winning streak was over the moment he stepped off the Angel Stadium mound, so he decided to go out with a memorable flourish.

After Verlander yielded seven hits and pitched impressively into the eighth inning, the Detroit ace was ejected while walking to the dugout in the Tigers' 1-0 loss to the Los Angeles Angels.

Mariners 4, Athletics 2

In Oakland, Calif., After 16 years in the big leagues, Jamey Wright finally has his first save—with some unintended help from teammate Brandon League.

The veteran starter-turned-reliever, who has pitched sparingly over the last six weeks, bailed out League and the Mariners with a perfect 10th inning, helping preserve Seattle's 4-2 win over the Oakland Athletics.

Phillies 14, Marlins 2

In Miami, Philadelphia's Ryan Howard had four hits and four RBIs as the Phillies crushed the Florida Marlins 14-2 in the National League on Tuesday.

The Marlins opted to walk Howard with a runner on first and the game tied 0-0 in the third inning. The Phillies scored five times in the inning and when the Marlins pitched to Howard an inning later, he hit his 18th homer of the season.

Raul Ibanez also homered and drove in four runs for Philadelphia, which achieved season highs in runs and hits (18).

Phillies starter Cole Hamels (10-4) allowed two runs in eight innings to join teammate Roy Halladay as a 10-game winner.

Philadelphia, which has the best record in the majors, is assured of winning its fifth consecutive series. It has won 21 of its past 25 games in Miami.

Florida starter Chris Volstad (4-8) gave up seven runs in four innings.

Braves 5, Rockies 3

In Atlanta, Freddie Freeman's third homer in two games gave Atlanta an early lead and the Braves hung on to beat Colorado.

Freeman hit his 12th homer off Jhoulys Chacin (8-6) in the second inning. Chacin matched his career worst by issuing six walks — the second time he's done that in his past three starts. He gave up four runs in five innings.

Braves starter Derek Lowe (5-6) gave up five hits in 5 1-3 innings and also pushed Atlanta's lead to 4-0 with his a three-run double in the fourth.

Dan Uggla added his 13th homer in the sixth for the Braves, who have won seven of eight.

Diamondbacks 7, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Arizona's Justin Upton and Gerardo Parra homered for Arizona, which built an early six-run lead to set up the win over Milwaukee.

Diamondbacks starter Zach Duke (2-3) tossed seven effective innings to win for the first time in 12 starts in Milwaukee.

The Brewers have lost seven of eight since taking a three-game lead in the NL Central and have fallen behind St. Louis and Pittsburgh in the last two days.

Cardinals 8, Reds 1

In St. Louis, Matt Holliday homered twice as St. Louis overpowered Cincinnati.

Just hours after being picked to represent the National League in the Home Run Derby at the All-Star game, Holliday found some belated length against Edinson Volquez (5-4) with a solo shot in the first and three-run homer in the fifth. It was his 16th career multi-homer game but first in almost exactly a year.

Holliday and Lance Berkman homered on consecutive at-bats in the first inning. Berkman's league-leading 23rd homer was measured at 452 feet; the longest at 6-year-old Busch Stadium.

The Cardinals activated Albert Pujols from the disabled list before the game but did not use him after putting the three-time NL MVP through an extensive pre-game workout to test his broken arm.

Padres 5, Giants 3

In San Francisco, Cameron Maybin had three hits and three RBIs in San Diego's win over San Francisco.

Maybin's triple highlighted a three-run sixth inning for the Padres, while Anthony Rizzo also drove in two runs.

Mets 6, Dodgers 0

In Los Angeles, Jason Bay homered twice and drove in four runs to power New York past Los Angeles.

Carlos Beltran also went deep for the Mets, while starting pitcher Mike Pelfrey (5-7) left seven Dodgers runners stranded in scoring position through six gritty innings. He escaped bases-loaded jams in the fourth and fifth.

Nationals 3, Cubs 2

In Washington, Chicago second baseman Jeff Baker's incredibly wayward throw gave Washington two runs in the first inning and proved the difference in the game.

Baker was only 30 feet or so from second when he fielded a routine grounder with the bases loaded and no outs, but his throw sailed more than 10 feet wide of the bag and into left field. Instead of allowing one run on a double play, the Cubs were in a 2-0 hole that became 3-0 on Wilson Ramos' infield single.

That was just enough of a cushion for a Nationals' pitchers, including Ross Detwiler (1-0), who was recalled from the minors before the game because Washington needed an extra starter due to a recent doubleheader. In his first start of the season, Detwiler took a shutout into the sixth.

Pirates 5, Astros 1

In Pittsburgh, Jeff Karstens (7-4) allowed just one run in seven-plus innings, pitching Pittsburgh past Houston and to its third straight win.

Brandon Wood homered for the Pirates, who improved to four games over .500 this late in a season for the first time since 1992.

Matt Diaz had three hits and Neil Walker and Lyle Overbay two hits and two runs each for Pittsburgh.

Source: Pacers pick Vogel

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—The Indiana Pacers are sticking with the coach who got them to the playoffs.

A person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Indiana will make interim coach Frank Vogel the team's permanent head coach.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the move had not been made official yet by the team.

The Indiana Pacers did announce they had a news conference with Vogel scheduled for Wednesday. He will be joined by Larry Bird, the Pacers' president of basketball operations.

Bird called Vogel the favorite to get the job from the beginning of the search after the Pacers finished strong last season and made the playoffs.

Indiana was interested in Mike Brown, but the former Pacers assistant and Cleveland head coach took the top job with the Lakers.

Vogel took over for Jim O'Brien in the middle of last season and the team finished the year 20-18. The Pacers made the playoffs for the first time since 2006, losing in five games to top-seeded Chicago.

Early in his tenure, Vogel said Eastern Conference powers Boston, Miami and Orlando wouldn't want to play the Pacers when—not if—they made the playoffs. He introduced "smash-mouth" ball, an approach that focused on attacking the basket instead of O'Brien's perimeter-oriented game.

He moved Tyler Hansbrough and Paul George into the starting lineup and helped restore center Roy Hibbert's confidence.

The team has plenty of young talent, playoff experience and significant salary cap space, should the labor situation get sorted out.

Danny Granger, at 28, is the oldest starter. Hibbert just finished his third year, point guard Darren Collison and Hansbrough were second-year players and George was a rookie. All five are under contract for next season.

"I'll be happy if Frank gets picked," Hibbert said recently. "I've been with him since I was a rookie, so I hope he gets it.

Mayweather returns to ring, controversy follows

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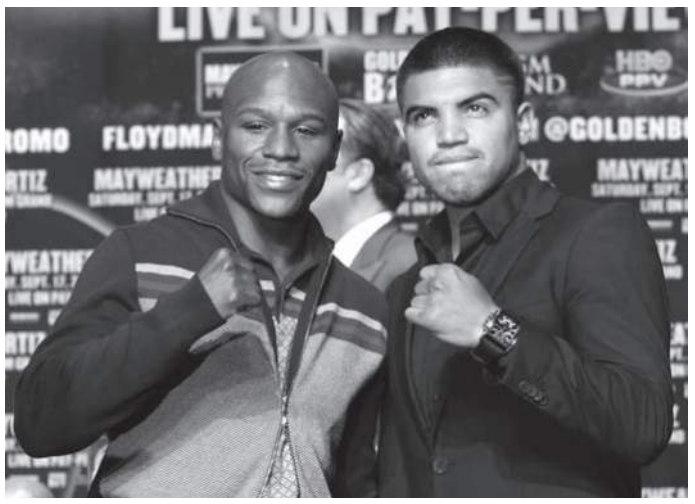
BOXING

NEW YORK (AP) — It seems Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao will be forever linked, regardless of whether they ever face each other in the ring.

The two have danced around the richest fight in boxing for several years, unable to come to terms. Meanwhile, their animosity has grown to the point that Pacquiao has a pending defamation lawsuit alleging Mayweather unfairly accused him of using performance-enhancing drugs.

So it's not surprising that Mayweather spent just as much time answering questions about Pacquiao on Tuesday as he did about Victor Ortiz, the welterweight champion whom he'll face in his next fight on Sept. 17 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.



AP

Floyd Mayweather, left, and Victor Ortiz pose during a news conference ahead of their Sept. 17 bout for Ortiz's WBC welterweight title, Tuesday, June 28, 2011 in New York.

"I've never said that Manny Pacquiao was taking steroids, I never said he was taking enhancement drugs," said Mayweather, who failed to turn up for a court-ordered deposition in Las Vegas earlier this month involving the defamation suit.

"I want to fight the best they got out there, not just him, the best they got out there," Mayweather said, "and if he's on the list as one of the best guys, then absolutely."

Mayweather said he's willing to fight Pacquiao if there is random blood and urine testing, which is more stringent than the protocol used by most state athletic associations. Mayweather said Pacquiao's team would only agree to blood and urine testing at certain times.

"It's not just Pacquiao, it's sports, period," Mayweather said. "If you look at sports in the Olympics, they're cheating. Everyone is cheating. And I never once said Manny Pacquiao was cheating, only thing I said was this: Me and any other opponent I face must take the test."

Mayweather will be returning to the ring for the first time since defeating Shane Mosley in May 2010, though the undefeated former champion has made plenty of news since then.

Last Friday, 21-year-old Anthony Cliff filed a lawsuit accusing Mayweather of ordering his bodyguards to attack the man outside the Palms Casino Resort on March 27, 2010.

CAMACHO

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tournaments. As you already know, we our hosting the U17 MBT and I believe if this group of girls stick together, they will make a big difference in the tournament next year," Camacho said.

The CNMI U15 Team is composed of Jeraldine Castillo, Rachel Abrams, Kaylani Lebria, Denise Samson, Kyla Ito, Kriz Gozon, Melody Johnson, Carey Demapan, and Theodora Falcon.

Camacho said keeping the team for years will give the CNMI cagebelles a better chance of ruling tournaments and beating powerhouse Guam.

"I think consistency with our national team is what we're lacking and now we have the chance to work with this young group of girls who have bonded really well on and off the court. We did not beat the Guam team because they've been playing together for a while but give this group another year or so and they will definitely be a challenge to Guam," the Hopwood Junior High School teacher said.

The MBT in Palau was Camacho's debut in coaching a national squad and she was thankful to coach a bunch of young girls.

"I have to say it was very challenging and rewarding. I learned so much from the U15 women's team. They are very coachable, as they listened, learned, and produced. From Game 1 to the championship, this team made adjustments and improvements to better themselves and their teammates. Also, they played unselfishly which is another factor that made them better players," Camacho said.

MP

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Soledad, Daniel Lim, Bob Kim, John Masga, Ryu Tanzawa and Aaron Lee.

MP United ruled the 2011 NMIFA Spring Youth League after going undefeated in the two-round robin competition for the group's third straight championship and second with Del Rosario at the helm. Katie Peters and Joon Lee coached MP United when it won the U14 spring season.

Del Rosario and his wards have more than two months to prepare for their title defense and since most members of the team are set to play in Taipei, they are slowing down a bit in their training sessions.

"Actually, after the season ended we still practice but only every Wednesday. During the season, we practice every Monday and Wednesday. We hold off the practice for the meantime because of the National Team's practice. We will be continuing our once-a-week practice after their Taipei trip," Del Rosario said.

When asked which team he thinks will challenge MP United in its bid for a fourth straight championship, Del Rosario said he can't tell, as he knows other clubs—Paire, Matansa, Shirley's, and Tan Holdings—are also making significant improvements.

"All the teams have improved tremendously and I can't say which will be our toughest opponent next season. With that in mid, we have to execute our game plan, give our 100 percent every game whoever we're playing against, and most importantly have fun in every match," the MP United coach said.

"I am so proud of this team because all of them are friends in and out of the pitch, they help each other to improve their games. Off the pitch, they are still a team as members attend their teammates graduation and birthday parties. MPU Football Club is a one big happy family," Del Rosario added.

FRESCO

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break plays, the team led by double-digits at halftime, 38-26.

However, Jacem began working its way back into the game late in the third and continued to move closer in the early goings of the fourth canto. Jacem started the fourth quarter with back-to-back triples—one each from Rommel Yanto and Bradon Aurelio—to slice the lead to two, 53-55.

Fresco sued for time and when game resumed Mabini led the team's 9-0 spurt to widen the gap anew, 64-53, going into the last three minutes of the game. Fresco regained the upper hand when Jacem missed several shots from downtown.

Jacem refused to give up and moved within five, 70-65, with 8.7 seconds to go and Aurelio getting ready for three free throws. He missed the first one, but hit the second for a 66-70 tally. Aurelio muffed the third one and there was a battle for the loose ball won by Jacem. However, the team ran out of time and failed to pull up for a shot.

Mabini top-scored for Fresco with 21 points, while Concepcion added 19. Josh Kiyoshi paced 30, but misfired on a couple of treys in the closing stages of the game. Aurelio chipped in 15.

Meanwhile, Sherwin Williams and Mawati recorded separate wins in last Saturday's games.

Mawati topped Lyn's BBQ in the second game in Pool C, 64-52, while the Pool B match saw Sherwin Williams down Life Force, 80-68.

Sherwin Williams was ahead by only four by the end of the third period, 52-48, when Joe Ada came off the bench and led the team's fourth-quarter breakaway. Ada scored all his 14 points in the final canto.

Dado Vistal also contributed in the fourth-quarter rally, adding six of his 21 markers in that canto, while Jun Tabora took care of business in the first half for Sherwin Williams and also finished with 21 points.

In the second game, Mawati drew 10 points from Jerome Reyes in the fourth quarter to notch the 12-point victory.

Reyes had a quiet game in the first three quarters, making only one field goal in each frame before he found his rhythm in the final canto to lift the team to a debut win. Before Reyes' explosion, Mawati was up by only five points against Lyn's BBQ, 45-40.

TUESDAY
First Game

Fresco Saipan 70 – Mabini 22, Concepcion 19, Zhe 8, Park 6, Wodon 4, Camacho 4, Estoque 2.

Jacem Printing 66 – Kiyoshi 30, Aurelio 15, Mateo 4, Manalo 4, Yanto 3, Olivos 2, Litulimar 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-5, 38-26, 51-47, 70-66.

SATURDAY
First Game

Sherwin Williams 80 – Tabora 21, Vistal 21, Ada 14, O. Ebuen 6, Tobias 6, Mallari 6, S. Ebuen 4, Deleon Guerrero 2.

Life Force 68 – Ordones 20, Ibanez 16, Leomo 8, Buniag 7, Galvan 6, Cruz 4, Sablan 4, Cabaddu 4.

Scoring by quarters: 22-18, 44-32, 52-48, 80-68.

Second Game

Mawati 64 – Reyes 16, Avila 14, Dela Cruz 11, Rena 6, Tiribio 4, Enriquez 4, Demapan 4, Rejano 3.

Lyn's BBQ 52 – Tenorio 10, Vergara 8, Samson 8, Cayanan 7, Palacios 4, Lazona 2, Estepa 1.

Scoring by quarters: 13-12, 28-25, 45-40, 64-52.

ANGELS

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especially proud of winning their second championship.

"We have won a bunch of pennants, but only have two titles and it feels great to win one as both a young and veteran crew," said head coach Craig Sanchez last Saturday.

The Angels have won eight pennant titles since they started competing in the league back in 1999 when they were known as the Saipan Stevedore Pirates.

The group claimed four consecutive pennants and their first championship as the youthful Pirates and then changed their name to the Ford Rangers after picking up their second sponsor, Joeten Motors. The Rangers won three pennants and their eighth came during their maiden season this year as the Angels.

"We felt like this year was our year after the name change," chuckled manager John Flores.

Fittingly, St. Michael's is known as the archangel in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions and is often pictured posed as a warrior with a sword or lance in hand.

Players also expressed that being eliminated by the Brewers in last year's playoffs after a perfect regular season left a bitter taste in their mouths, but admitted that the rookie-IT&E Fielders that took home the 2010 trophy reminded them of how they used to be the league's young up-and-coming team.

"We picked up a few young guns every other year or so, but have remained roughly the same group of guys as a whole. Its funny how we have become one of the—not old—but seasoned squads in the field over the years," laughed Sanchez.

The Angels are a mix group of players coming from different villages around the island and are mostly recruited through Saipan Little League's Ol'Aces program.

The Angels picked up Marvin Kaipat, Nokki Saralu, and Mike Iguel this year and lost pitchers Elton Santos of the Shell Fielders and IT&E Aces' Jacob Babauta.

Notably, both Angels' ex-pitchers issued their former team losses this season, however the Angels got both wins back in the second round of pairings.

"Heading into the finals we knew we were going to play either the Fielders or the [Tan Holdings] Brewers. The Brewers swept the Fielders and came [into the finals] red-hot, so we knew we had to tighten up our defense because they were hitting the ball very well. We lost the first game, but remained calm and kept believing in our defense. Both the defense and the bats showed up in the second match and our pitching brought it home in the last two games," said Sanchez.

Angels pitchers Franco Flores and Thomas Joab were big factors in the final two games as well as veteran Pete Tomokane and rising star Dave Camacho.

Tomokane and Camacho showed up big at the dish in the finals with a number of clutch hits that sparked the Angels' offense. Angels also had the 2010 batting champ and 2011 runner-up Jesus Iguel in its lead off spot.

"Once on first base, Jesus Iguel is simply a pitcher's worst nightmare," said Flores.

Sanchez and Flores assured that the team would return as the Angels next year and hopes to maintain a long lasting relationship with their current sponsor.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	51	33	.607	—
Boston	50	35	.588	1 1/2
Tampa Bay	47	39	.547	5
Toronto	42	45	.483	10 1/2
Baltimore	36	47	.434	14 1/2

Central Division

Cleveland	45	39	.536	—
Detroit	45	42	.517	1 1/2
Chicago	43	44	.494	3 1/2
Minnesota	38	46	.452	7
Kansas City	35	51	.407	11

West Division

Los Angeles	46	41	.529	—
Texas	46	41	.529	—
Seattle	43	43	.500	2 1/2
Oakland	38	49	.437	8

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	55	32	.632	—
Atlanta	51	36	.586	4
New York	44	42	.512	10 1/2
Washington	44	43	.506	11
Florida	38	48	.442	16 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	47	40	.540	—
Pittsburgh	45	41	.523	1 1/2
Milwaukee	45	42	.517	2
Cincinnati	43	44	.494	4
Chicago	35	52	.402	12
Houston	29	58	.333	18

West Division

San Francisco	48	39	.552	—
Arizona	47	40	.540	1
Colorado	41	45	.477	6 1/2
San Diego	40	47	.460	8
Los Angeles	37	50	.425	11

Yesterday's Games

Washington 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Pittsburgh 5, Houston 1
St. Louis 8, Cincinnati 1
Atlanta 5, Colorado 3
Philadelphia 14, Florida 2
Arizona 7, Milwaukee 3
N.Y. Mets 6, L.A. Dodgers 0
San Diego 5, San Francisco 3
N.Y. Yankees 9, Cleveland 2
Boston 3, Toronto 2
Texas 4, Baltimore 2
Kansas City 5, Chicago White Sox 3
Minnesota 3, Tampa Bay 2
L.A. Angels 1, Detroit 0
Seattle 4, Oakland 2, 10 innings

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports Groups at Liberation Day Parade

CLARISSA DAVID

Northern Mariana Island Football Association-member clubs and their players participate in Monday's Liberation Day Parade.

CLARISSA DAVID

Northern Marianas Badminton Association players join the parade.

CLARISSA DAVID

Volunteers and players of Saipan Soccer School pose for a group photo.

CLARISSA DAVID

Shirley's Football Club and Paire Football Club members parade along Beach Road.

CLARISSA DAVID

Tan Holdings Football Club players and coaches join the parade.

CLARISSA DAVID

Youth players represent MP United at the parade.

CLARISSA DAVID

A giant soccer ball catches the eye of parade spectators.

HAIDEE EUGENIO

Members of the CNMI Major All-Stars join the parade and ask for the public's help for their participation in next week's 2011 Asia Pacific Major League Regional Tournament in Guam.

HAIDEE EUGENIO

Players of the CNMI U15 Team demonstrate some soccer drills.

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Sports

Camacho hopes to keep U15 team intact

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Coach Connie Camacho, left, poses with members of the CNMI U15 Team that won a silver medal in last month's 2011 Micronesian Basketball Tournament in Palau.

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Many-time CNMI Women's Nationals member Connie Camacho wishes to keep the Commonwealth's U15 girls team together for future tournaments.

Camacho steered the CNMI cagebelles to a silver-medal finish in the 2011 Micronesian Basketball Tournament in Palau late last month despite having only nine players on the team. The CNMI won over Palau and Belau and lost in the finals to a complete Guam squad.

A few weeks after their impressive performance in Palau, Camacho gathered the team again and they are now playing in the 2011 BANMI Women's Summer Basketball League.

"My goal is to keep the team together for future leagues and

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Fresco Saipan slips past Jacem

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Fresco Saipan withstood Jacem Printing's fourth-quarter run to pull off a 70-66 victory in their Pool C game in the 2011 Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League Tuesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Jerry Mabini and J.R. Concepcion hit rally-halting baskets in the closing minutes of the game, while Jacem missed several treys and a couple of free throws in the homestretch, allowing Fresco to escape with the four-point win.

With Mabini and Concepcion anchoring Fresco's fast-

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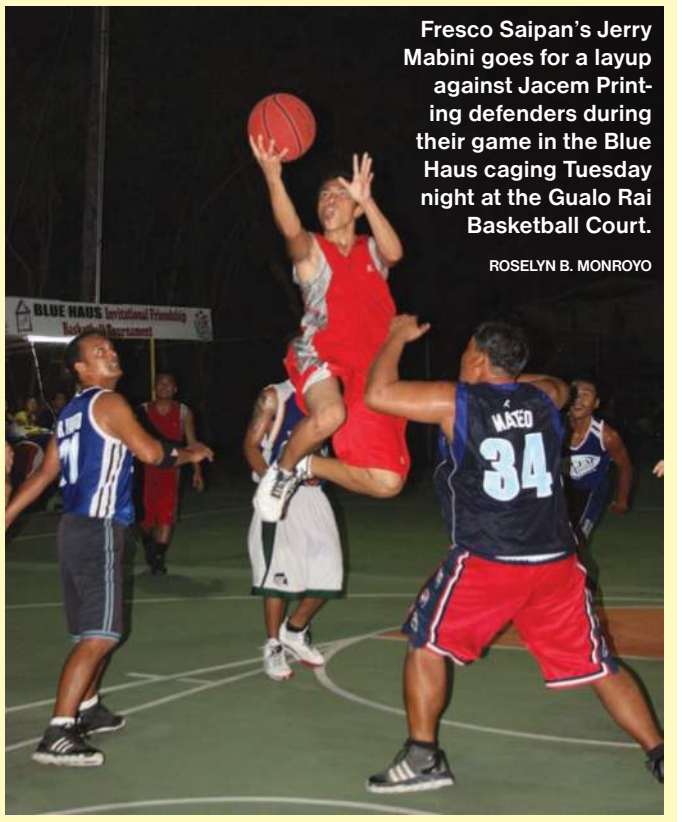

Fresco Saipan's Jerry Mabini goes for a layup against Jacem Printing defenders during their game in the Blue Haus caging Tuesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

MP United keeps solid U15 roster for fall league

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MP United is likely to be the team to beat in the U15 fall league in September as all members of the spring champion squad are returning next season.

"We will still have a solid roster next season because no one is moving to U18 and all the boys are coming back this season, which is great news for the club," coach Norman Del Rosario said.

The MP United U15 team members are co-captains Jehn Joyner and Enrico del Rosario, Jake Lee, Dakota Hall, Andrew Johnson, Angelo Jones, Jordan Butcher, Kennedy Izuka, John Taisacan, and Gregzon Fontanilla. These 10 players also made it to the CNMI U15 Team that will compete in the 2011 East Asian Football Federation U15 Youth Tournament in Taipei, Taiwan this month. Completing the MPU squad are Woo Seuk Choi, Kaisei Toda, Julien Pellegrino, Greg Sablan, Sam

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of the MP United U15 Team pose with their championship trophy won during the 2011 NMIFA Spring Youth League at the CPA Field.

Angels present SML trophies to St. Michael's

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Saipan Major League's St. Michael's Angels held a celebratory barbeque to present their 2011 SML pennant and league championship trophies to their sponsor, St. Michael's Medical Response, last Saturday at Micro Beach.

The team handed off the trophies to St. Michael's distributions manager Derek Hocog on Saturday afternoon.

The Angels have been a unit for over a decade now and were

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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

The St. Michael's Angels pose for a group photo after presenting St. Michael's Medical Response distribution manager Derek Hocog, center in black shirt, with the 2011 Saipan Major League Baseball Association pennant and championship trophies last Saturday at a team barbeque held at Micro Beach.